

Future Oil and Gas Resources of the World -- Unresolved Issues

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New estimate of future world oil and gas resources-30 year time frame(1995-2025)—Not Ultimate

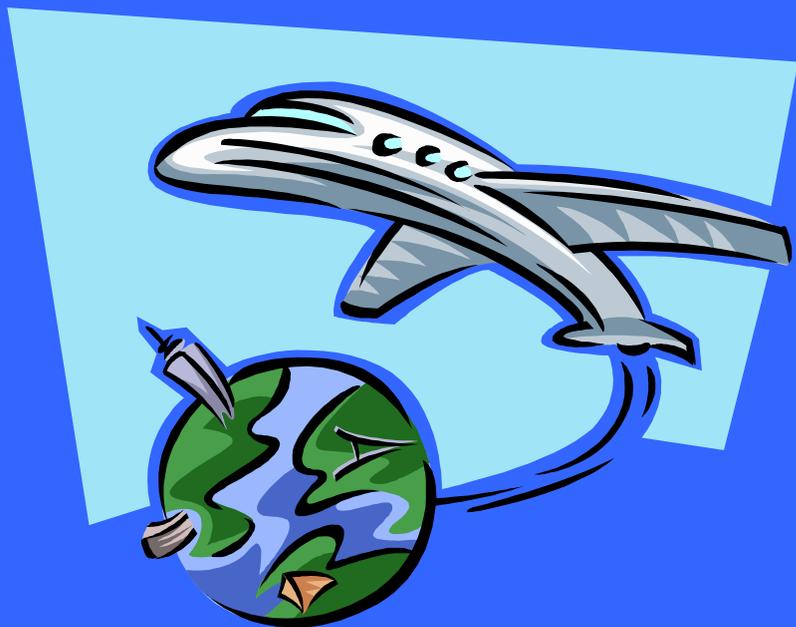
Reserve (Field) Growth Estimates for the World (30 Year Forecast)-1st Time

Geologically Based Estimates using Total Petroleum Systems (Fluids not just rocks)—Extensive Methodology Review and Endorsement, 5 year project (1995-2000), 41 Employees

All Information is Digital (DDS-60, 4 CDs, 9 other CDs on regional geology-- 60,000 distributed)

Website (<http://energy.usgs.gov>)--heavily used

USGS World Petroleum Assessment 2000



**USGS World Energy
Project—DDS-60, 4CDs, 32,000
pages**

**Estimates--Undiscovered & Field
Growth; Ancillary Data—Gas
Composition, Drilling & Water
Depths**

**Perspectives--onshore, offshore,
OPEC / OECD**

Geologic Insights

**Modeling (Added Value, North
Sea, Arctic, Climate)**

Summary

THE VOCABULARY OF RESOURCE ASSESSMENT:

Cumulative production

Reserves

Reserve growth

Undiscovered resources

Conventional

Unconventional (continuous)

World Oil

Currently Consuming about 28 BBO / Year

Remaining Reserves ~891 BBO (1/1/96)

Future volume is important—read *GeoDestinies: The inevitable control of earth resources over nations and individuals* (Youngquist)

Differing Views

- In 1994, C.J. Campbell predicted peaking within 5 years (before 2,000); with a total endowment of ~1,800 BBO
- In 2000, USGS estimated an oil endowment of ~3,000 BBO, and DOE/EIA using this data predicted peaking in ~2036
- World Petroleum Reserves are at all time high

OR is it World Gas?

Much less utilized worldwide than oil (7% produced vs. 20% for oil)

LNG and GTL technology make it increasingly viable

Environmental benefits or detriments

Where is it, is it economic, and in what time frame?

World Energy Consortium- Quarterly Geologic Meetings, Many Visits

INDUSTRY

EXXON (now EMEC)
BP-AMOCO
MOBIL
CONOCO
PHILLIPS
SHELL
TEXACO
ORYX
PETRO-CANADA
CHEVRON / ENRON
OCCIDENTAL
KERR-MCGEE

ORGANIZATIONS

DOE / EIA
PETROCONSULTANTS
**GLOBAL CENTER FOR
ENERGY STUDIES**
GEOMARK
ESRI
UNESCO / BDGM
(agreements)
**INTERNATIONAL
ENERGY AGENCY**
U.S. AID, STATE DEPT.
**DOD, INTELLIGENCE
GROUPS**

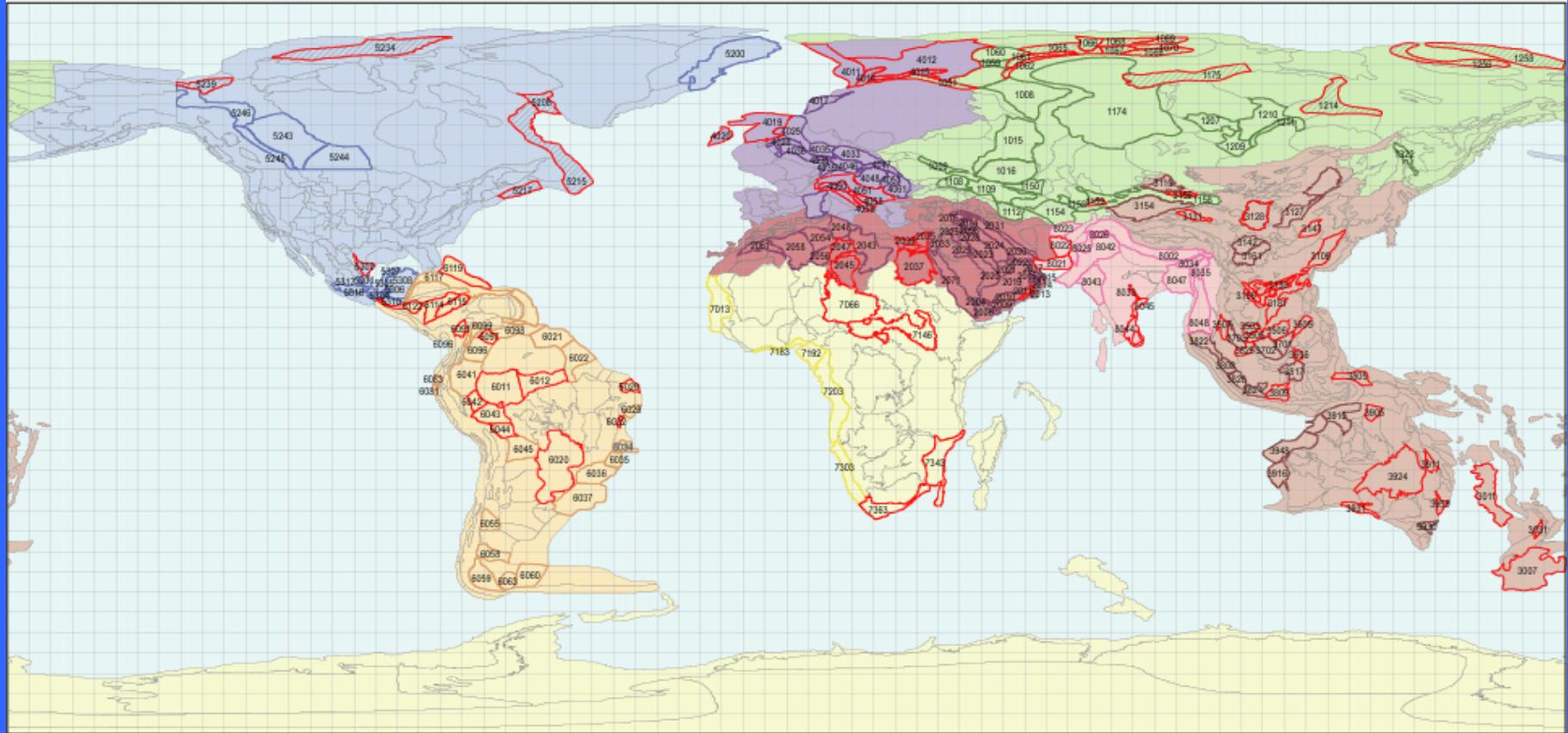
Total Petroleum Systems

All Genetically Related Petroleum that Occurs in Shows and Accumulations (Discovered and Undiscovered) that Has Been Generated by a Pod or Closely Related Pods of Mature Source Rock

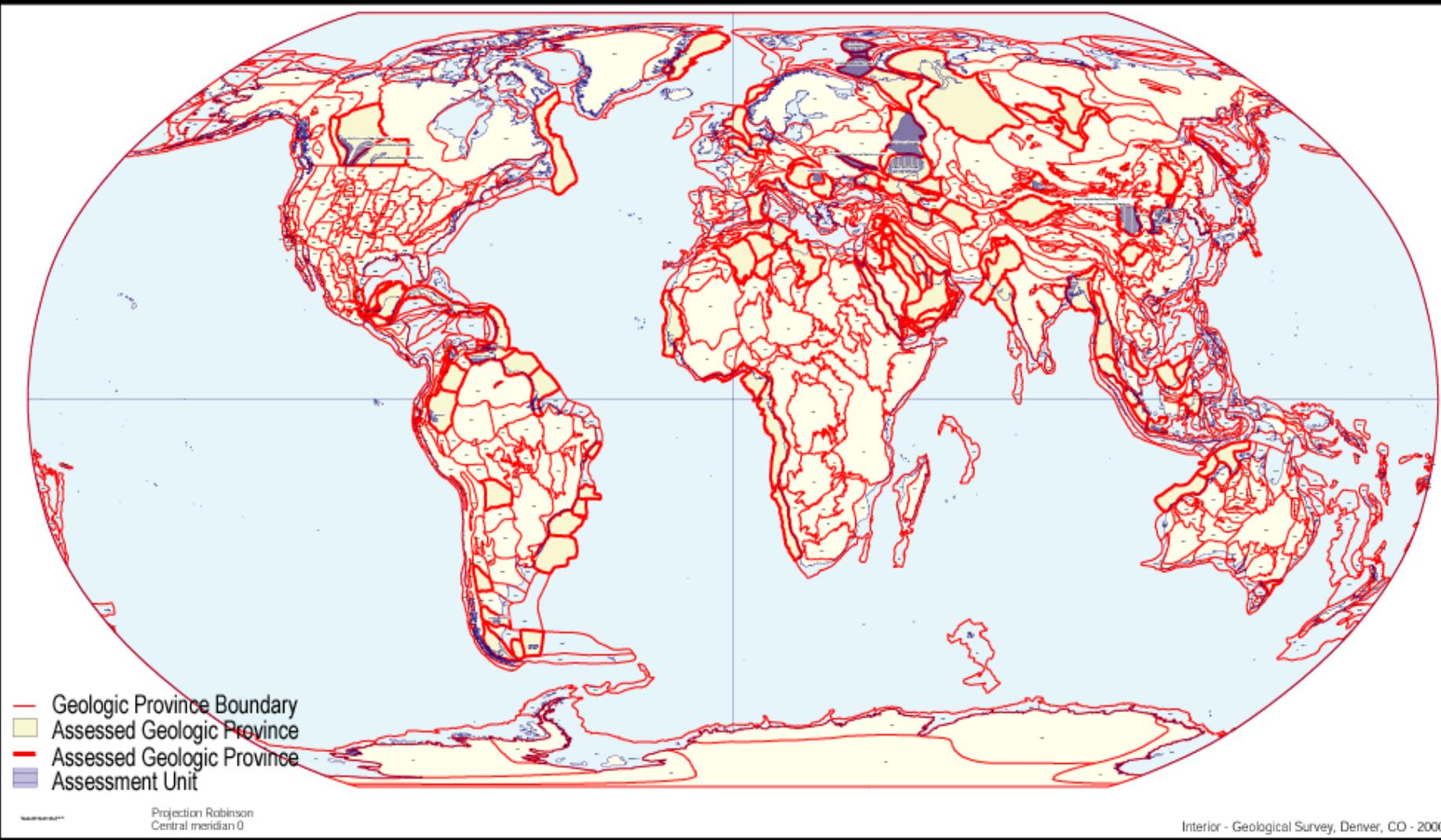
Basic Geologic Unit for WPA 2000: Assessed 128 Provinces, 149 TPS, 246 Assessment Units in DDS-60 with ancillary data for each

Preliminary Map of Proposed Provinces

World Energy Assessment 2001

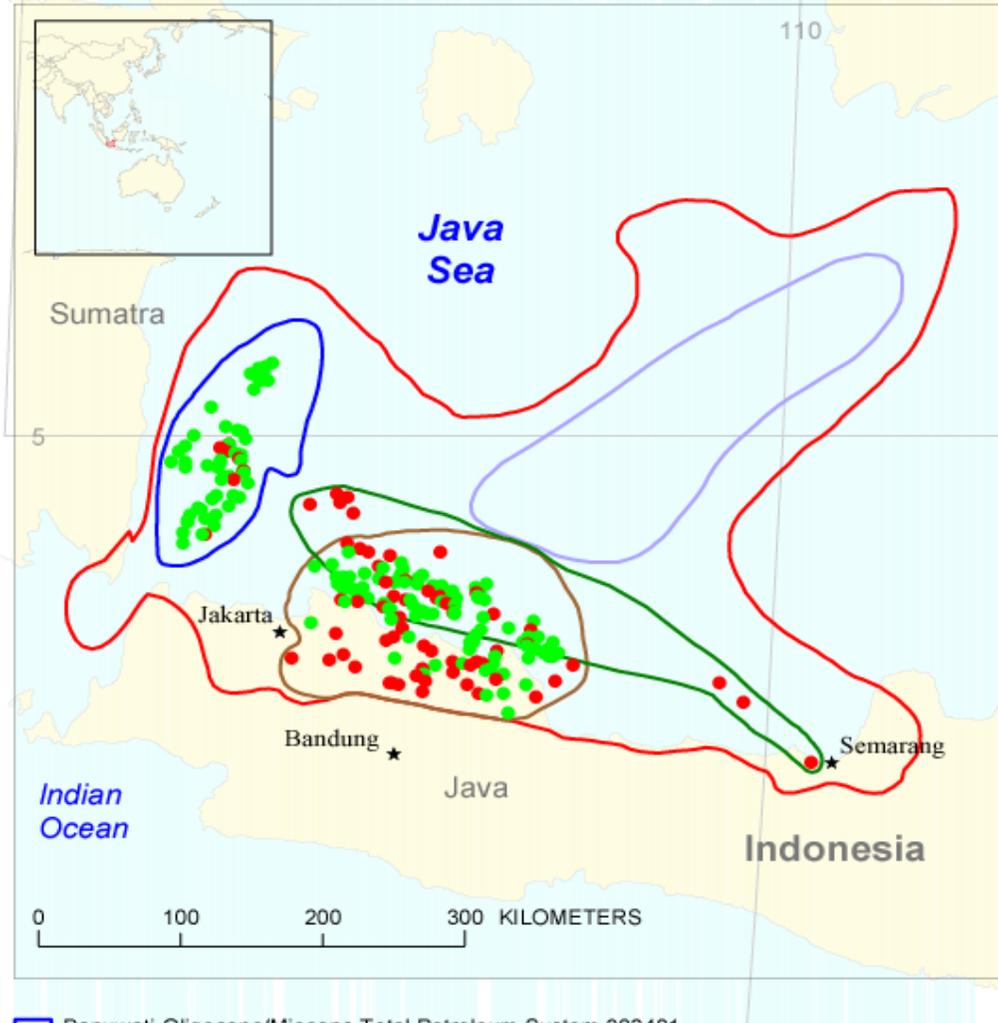


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| Region 1 | Region 5 | Assessed provinces outlined in darker shade of province color |
| Region 2 | Region 6 | Proposed provinces outlined in red |
| Region 3 | Region 7 | Provinces with cross pattern part of proposed High Arctic Assessment |
| Region 4 | Region 8 | |



ASSESSMENT UNITS WITH CONTINUOUS TYPE OR UNCONVENTIONAL RESOURCES

Northwest Java Basin Geologic Province 3824



Province Assessment

Output Summary

Undiscovered Field Size

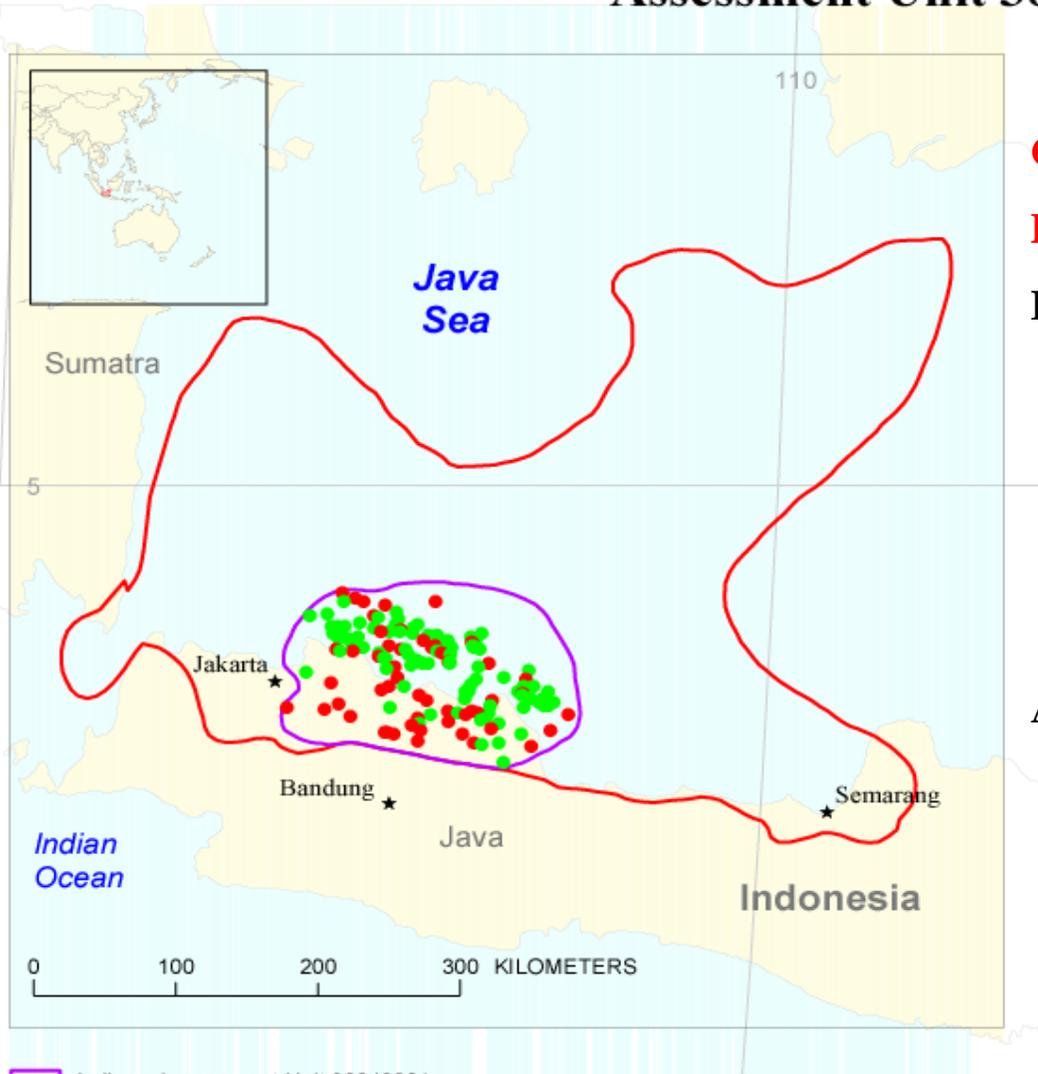
Distributions

Total Petroleum Systems

-  Banuwati-Oligocene/Miocene
Total Petroleum System 382401
-  Jatibarang/Talang Akar-Oligocene/Miocene
Total Petroleum System 382402
-  Tertiary-Parigi
Total Petroleum System 382403
-  Tertiary-Cenozoic
Total Petroleum System 382404

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-  Northwest Java Basin Geologic Province 3824

Ardjuna Assessment Unit 38240201



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Geologic Summary

Detailed map of this assessment unit

Exploration/Discovery-History Data

Plots of Known Field Sizes

Plots of Grown Resources

Tables

Assessment Input Data

Assessment Results

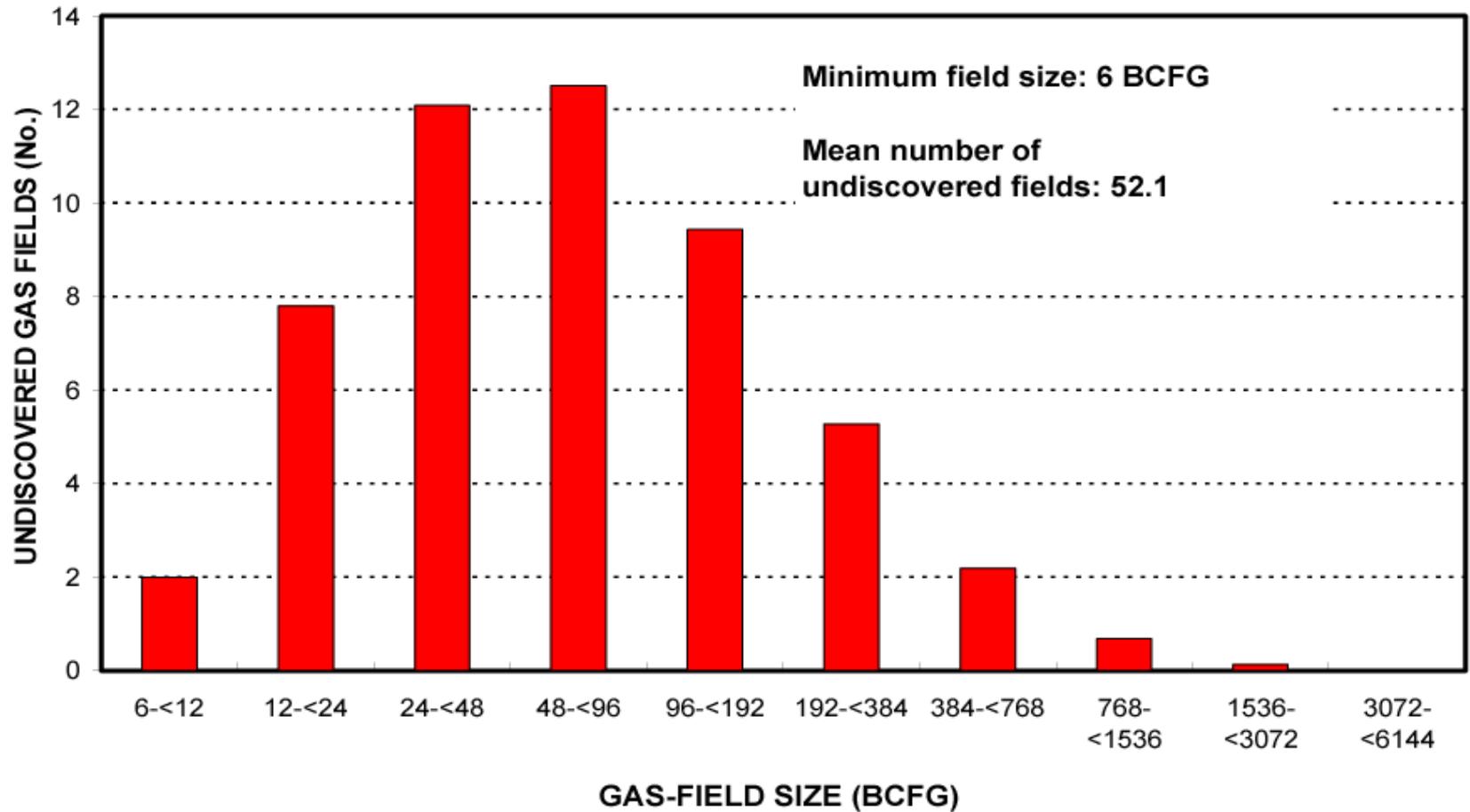
Assessment Unit Summary

Detailed Assessment Results

Undiscovered Field-Size Distributions

Ardjuna, AU 38240201

Undiscovered Field-Size Distribution



Environmental Database

How much oil, gas NGS, in what quantities and where? (I.e. what is the composition of the world's oil and gas petroleum—CO₂, H₂S, API Gravity, GOR.....

What drilling depth?

What water depth?

Detailed for 246 Assessment Units in 149 Total Petroleum Systems in 128 Provinces in DDS-60

**SEVENTH APPROXIMATION
NEW MILLENNIUM WORLD PETROLEUM ASSESSMENT
DATA FORM FOR CONVENTIONAL ASSESSMENT UNITS**

Date:.....	<u>5/26/99</u>		
Assessment Geologist:.....	<u>R.T. Ryder</u>		
Region:.....	<u>Asia Pacific</u>	Number:	<u>3</u>
Province:.....	<u>Northwest Java Basin</u>	Number:	<u>3824</u>
Priority or Boutique:.....	<u>Priority</u>		
Total Petroleum System:.....	<u>Jatibarang/Talang Akar-Oligocene/Miocene</u>	Number:	<u>382402</u>
Assessment Unit:.....	<u>Ardjuna</u>	Number:	<u>38240201</u>
* Notes from Assessor	<u>MMS growth function.</u>		

CHARACTERISTICS OF ASSESSMENT UNIT

Oil (<20,000 cfg/bo overall) or Gas (≥20,000 cfg/bo overall):... Oil

What is the minimum field size?..... 1 mmmboe grown (≥1 mmmboe)
(the smallest field that has potential to be added to reserves in the next 30 years)

Number of discovered fields exceeding minimum size:.....	Oil: <u>78</u>	Gas: <u>47</u>
Established (>13 fields) <u>X</u> Frontier (1-13 fields) _____	Hypothetical (no fields) _____	

Median size (grown) of discovered oil fields (mmmboe):			
1st 3rd <u>17</u>	2nd 3rd <u>7</u>	3rd 3rd <u>10</u>	
Median size (grown) of discovered gas fields (bcfg):			
1st 3rd <u>72</u>	2nd 3rd <u>68</u>	3rd 3rd <u>139</u>	

Assessment-Unit Probabilities:

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Probability of occurrence (0-1.0)</u>
1. CHARGE: Adequate petroleum charge for an undiscovered field ≥ minimum size.....	<u>1.0</u>
2. ROCKS: Adequate reservoirs, traps, and seals for an undiscovered field ≥ minimum size.....	<u>1.0</u>
3. TIMING OF GEOLOGIC EVENTS: Favorable timing for an undiscovered field ≥ minimum size	<u>1.0</u>

Assessment-Unit GEOLOGIC Probability (Product of 1, 2, and 3):..... 1.0

4. ACCESSIBILITY: Adequate location to allow exploration for an undiscovered field ≥ minimum size.....	<u>1.0</u>
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UNDISCOVERED FIELDS

Number of Undiscovered Fields: How many undiscovered fields exist that are ≥ minimum size?:
(uncertainty of fixed but unknown values)

Oil fields:..... min. no. (>0) <u>10</u> median no. <u>25</u> max no. <u>50</u>
Gas fields:..... min. no. (>0) <u>15</u> median no. <u>50</u> max no. <u>100</u>

Size of Undiscovered Fields: What are the anticipated sizes (**grown**) of the above fields?:
(variations in the sizes of undiscovered fields)

Oil in oil fields (mmbo)..... min. size <u>1</u> median size <u>4</u> max. size <u>150</u>
Gas in gas fields (bcfg):..... min. size <u>6</u> median size <u>60</u> max. size <u>2500</u>

AVERAGE RATIOS FOR UNDISCOVERED FIELDS, TO ASSESS COPRODUCTS

(uncertainty of fixed but unknown values)

<u>Oil Fields:</u>	minimum	median	maximum
Gas/oil ratio (cfg/bo).....	1000	2000	3000
NGL/gas ratio (bnl/mmcf).....	30	60	90
<u>Gas fields:</u>	minimum	median	maximum
Liquids/gas ratio (bnl/mmcf).....	5	10	20
Oil/gas ratio (bo/mmcf).....			

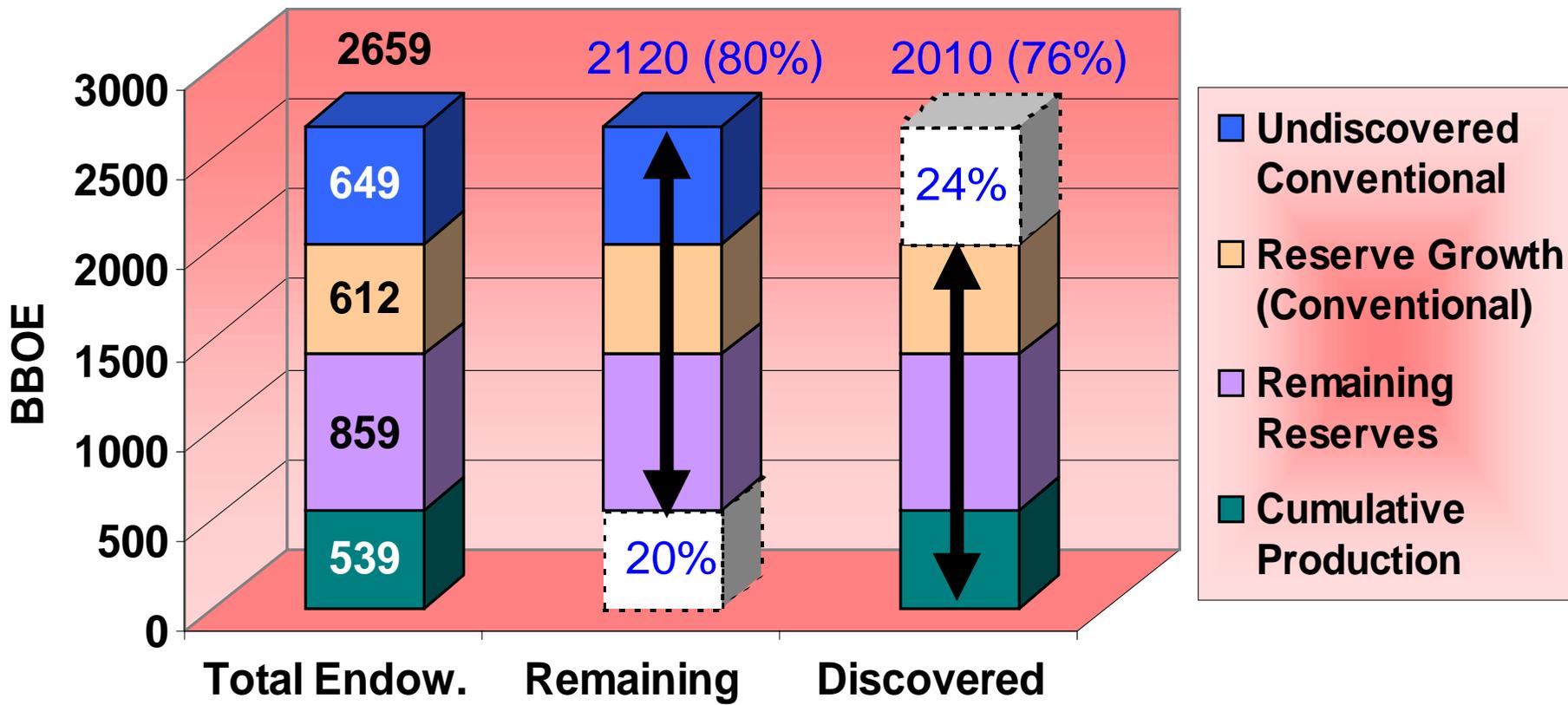
SELECTED ANCILLARY DATA FOR UNDISCOVERED FIELDS

(variations in the properties of undiscovered fields)

<u>Oil Fields:</u>	minimum	median	maximum
API gravity (degrees).....	19	36	55
Sulfur content of oil (%).....	0.03	0.1	0.6
Drilling Depth (m)	500	1500	3500
Depth (m) of water (if applicable).....	0	40	400
<u>Gas Fields:</u>	minimum	median	maximum
Inert gas content (%).....	0.2	1.3	12.1
CO ₂ content (%).....	0.2	3.5	58
Hydrogen-sulfide content (%).....	0	0	0
Drilling Depth (m).....	500	2000	3000
Depth (m) of water (if applicable).....	0	40	400

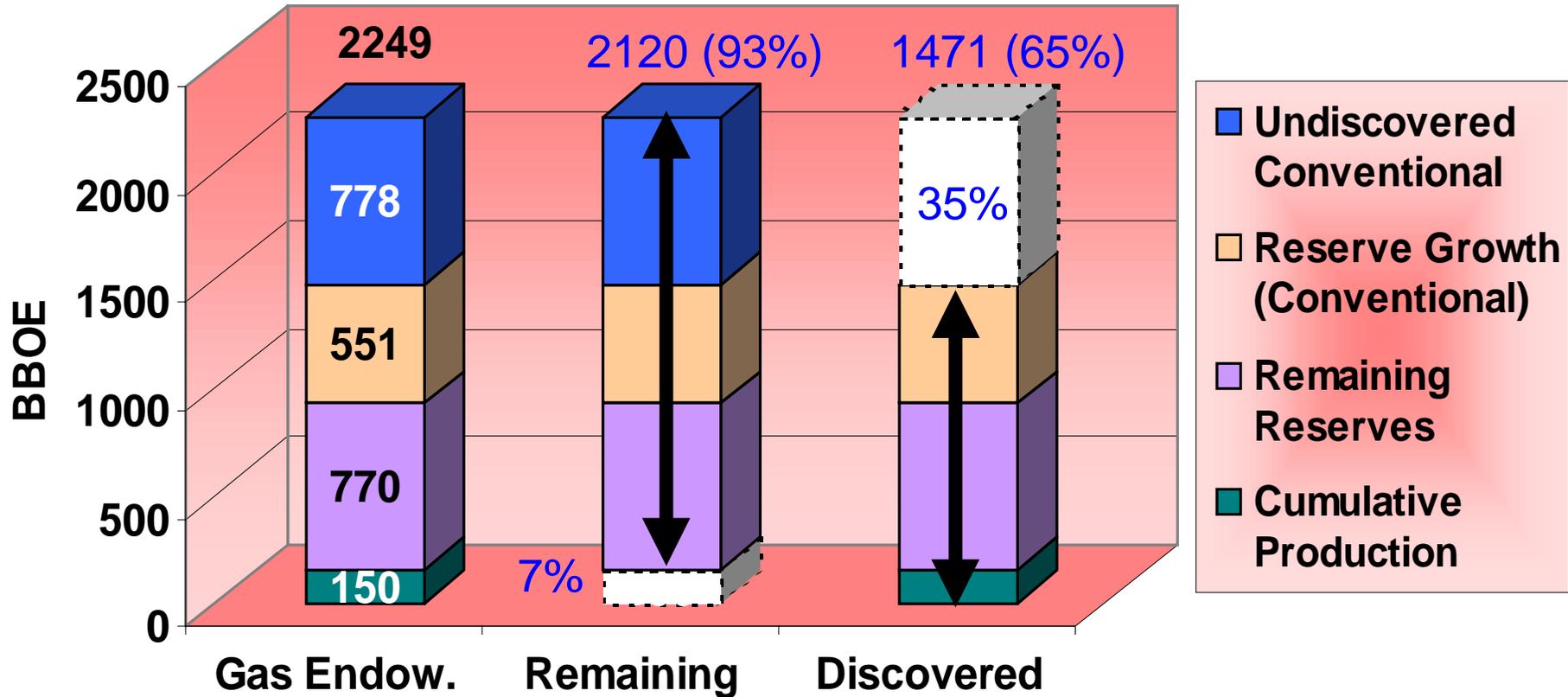
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OIL (excluding U.S., Billion barrels)

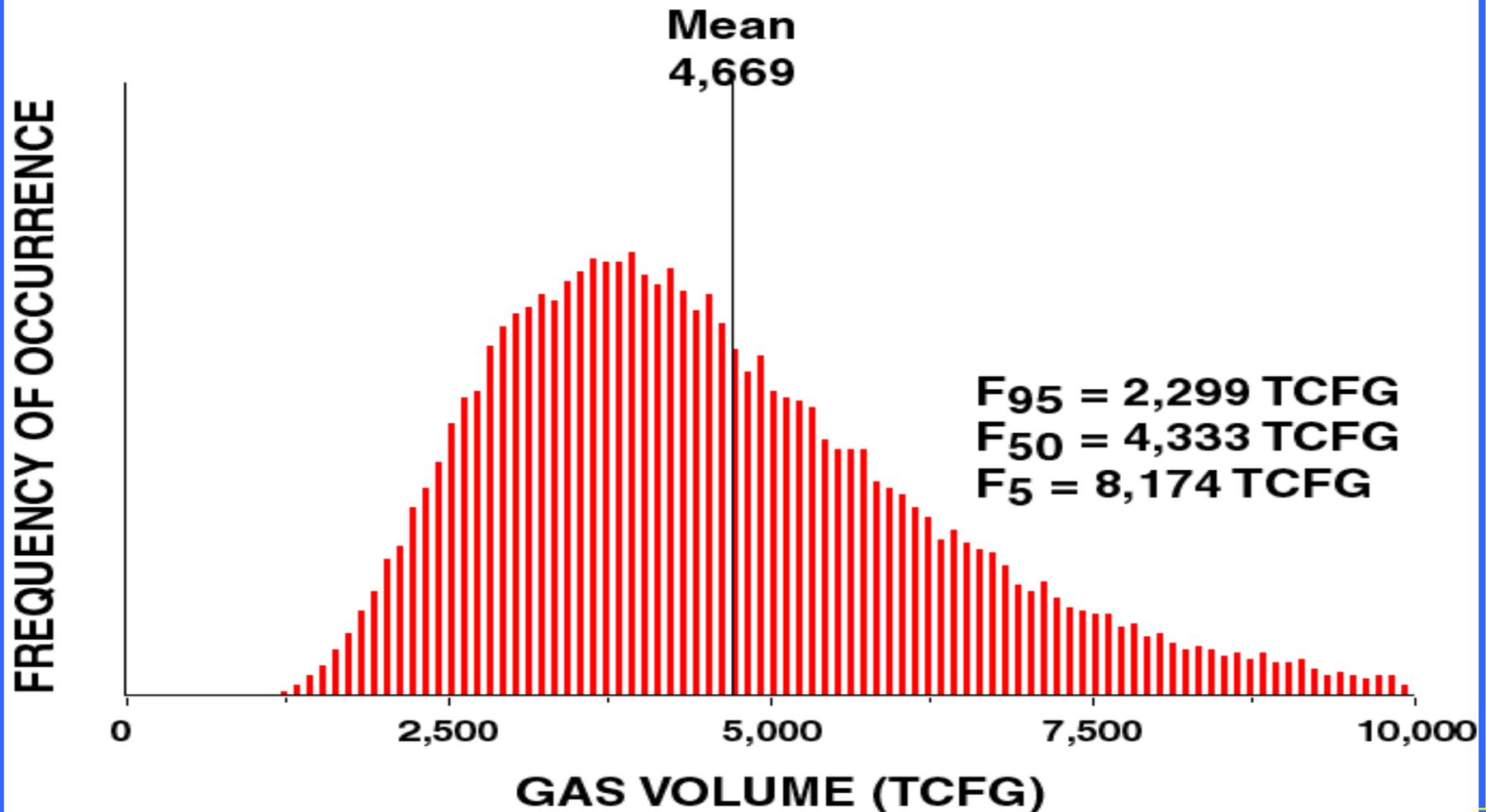


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GAS (excluding U.S., Billion barrels oil equivalent [BBOE])



World Undiscovered Petroleum Resources Gas



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Undiscovered Petroleum (Masters vs World
w/o US. +5% at Mean) 1556 BBOE vs 1634
BBOE

- Undiscovered Oil (649BB; +20.5%)
- Undiscovered Gas (4669TCF or 778 BBOE; -
14.1%)
- Undiscovered NGL (207 BBOE; +130%)

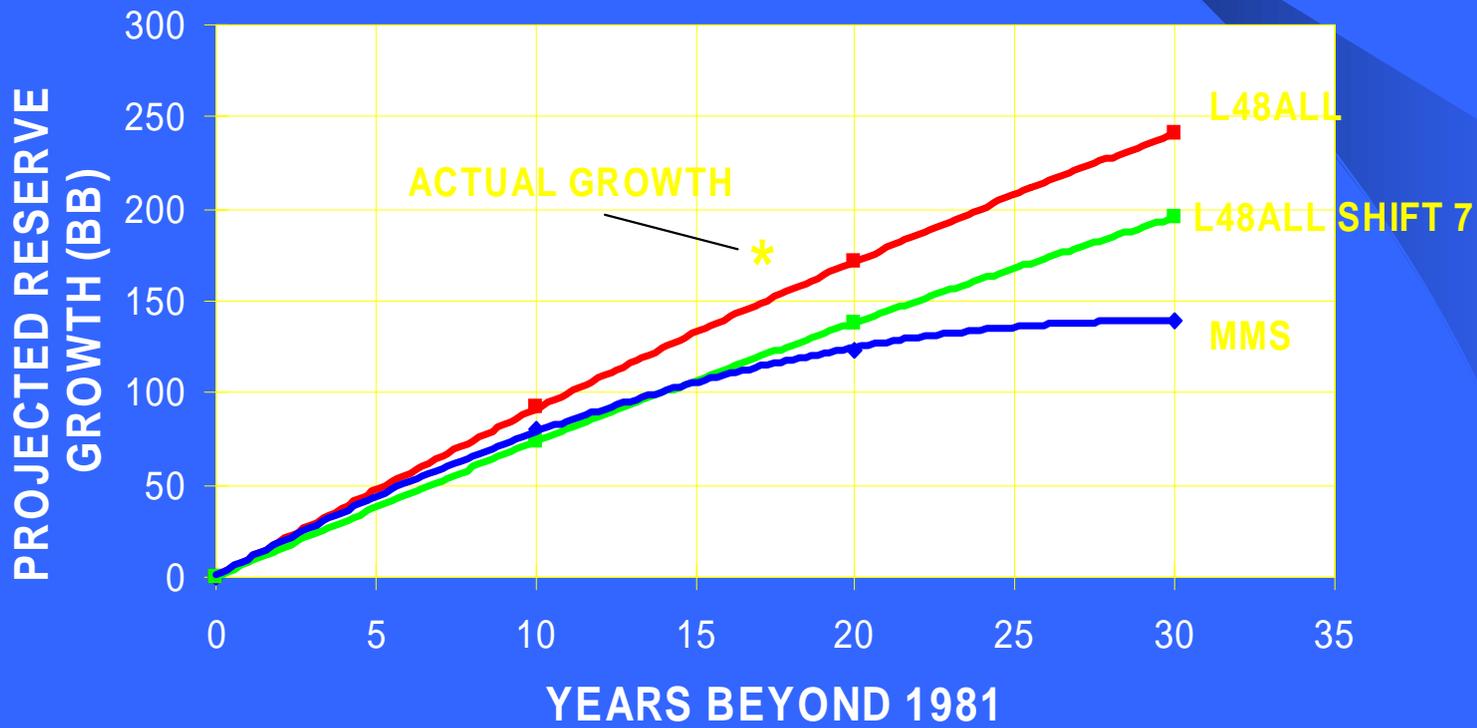
The Wild Card: Reserve Growth

Definition: Reserve growth is the observed increase in reserves for a particular field over time. That is, the initial estimates of reserves in many fields is lower than the ultimate volume of oil produced from that field.

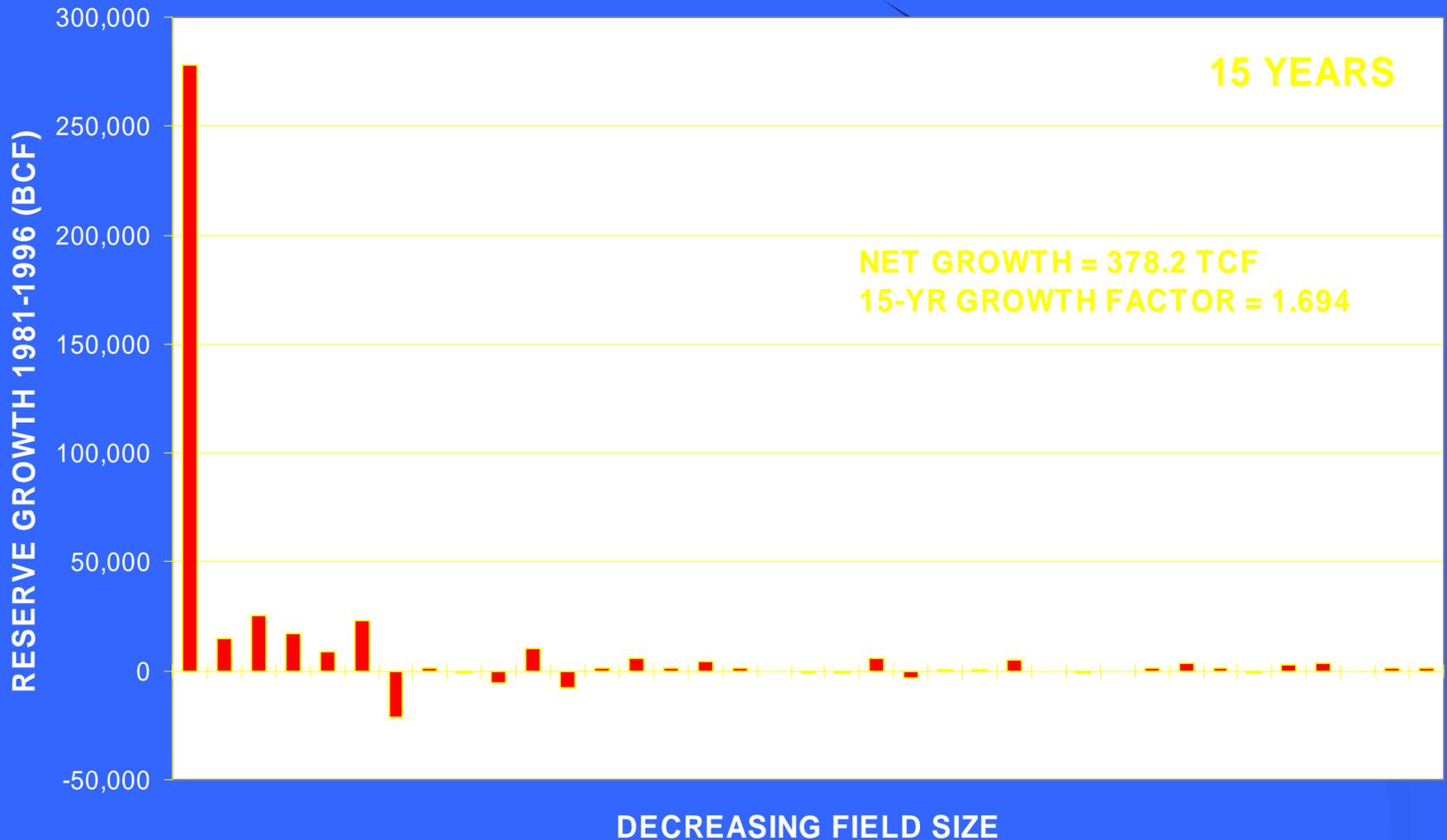
Causes of reserve growth:

- Conservative initial estimates (SEC requirements, corporate psychology)
- Exploration technology (e.g., 3-D, 4-D seismic)
- Drilling technology (horizontal, multilateral, directional)
- Production technology (enhanced oil recovery)

RESERVE GROWTH HISTORY MATCHING: LARGE OIL FIELDS



RESERVE GROWTH OF WORLD'S LARGEST GAS FIELDS (>3 TCF)



RESERVE GROWTH OF WORLD'S LARGEST GAS FIELDS (>3 TCF), EXCLUDING NORTH FIELD



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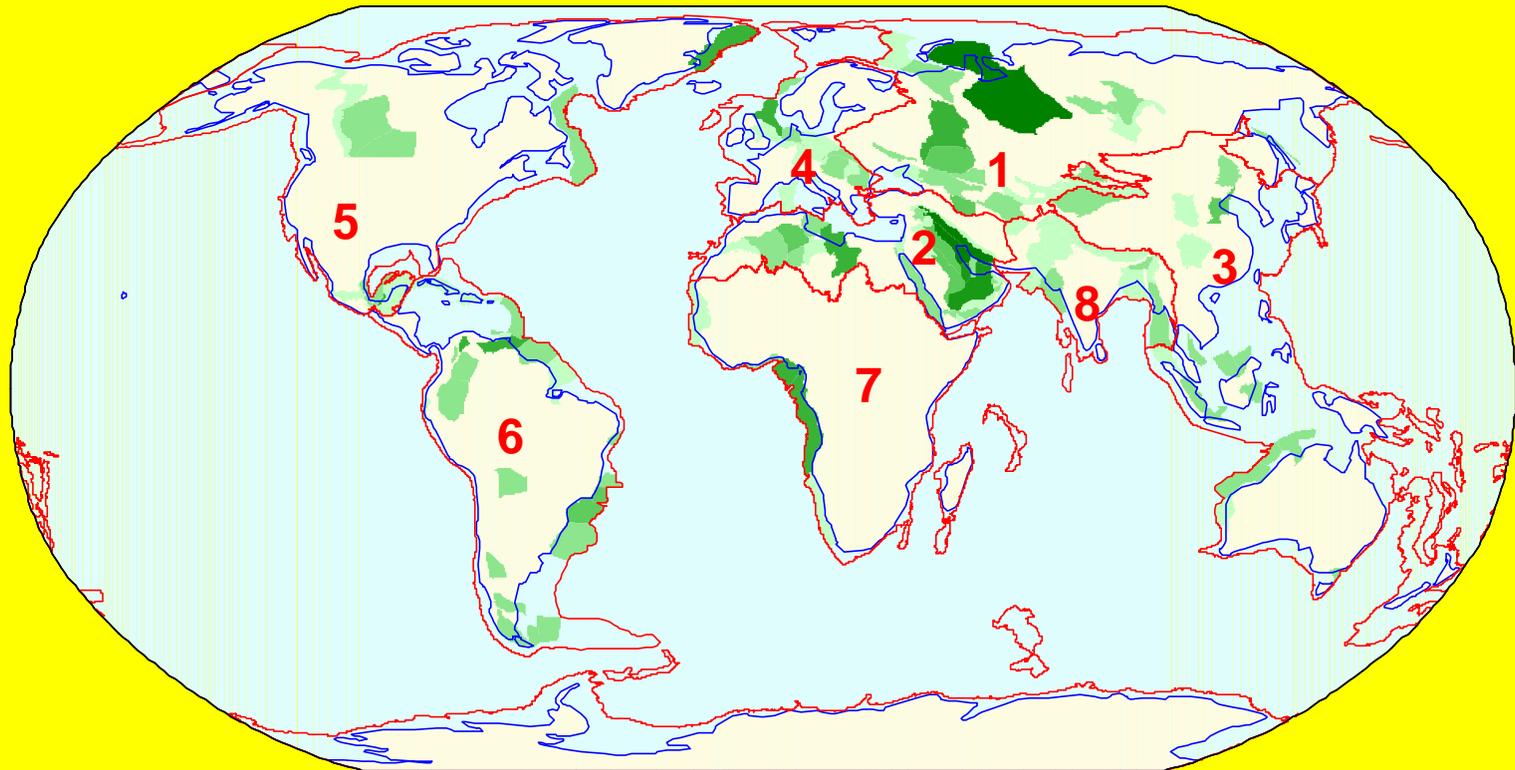
Summary

Reserve Growth

First time assessed for world

Nearly as much as Undiscovered resources

- Oil Reserve Growth (612 BB)
- Natural Gas Reserve Growth (3,305 TCF)
- NGL Reserve Growth (42 BB)

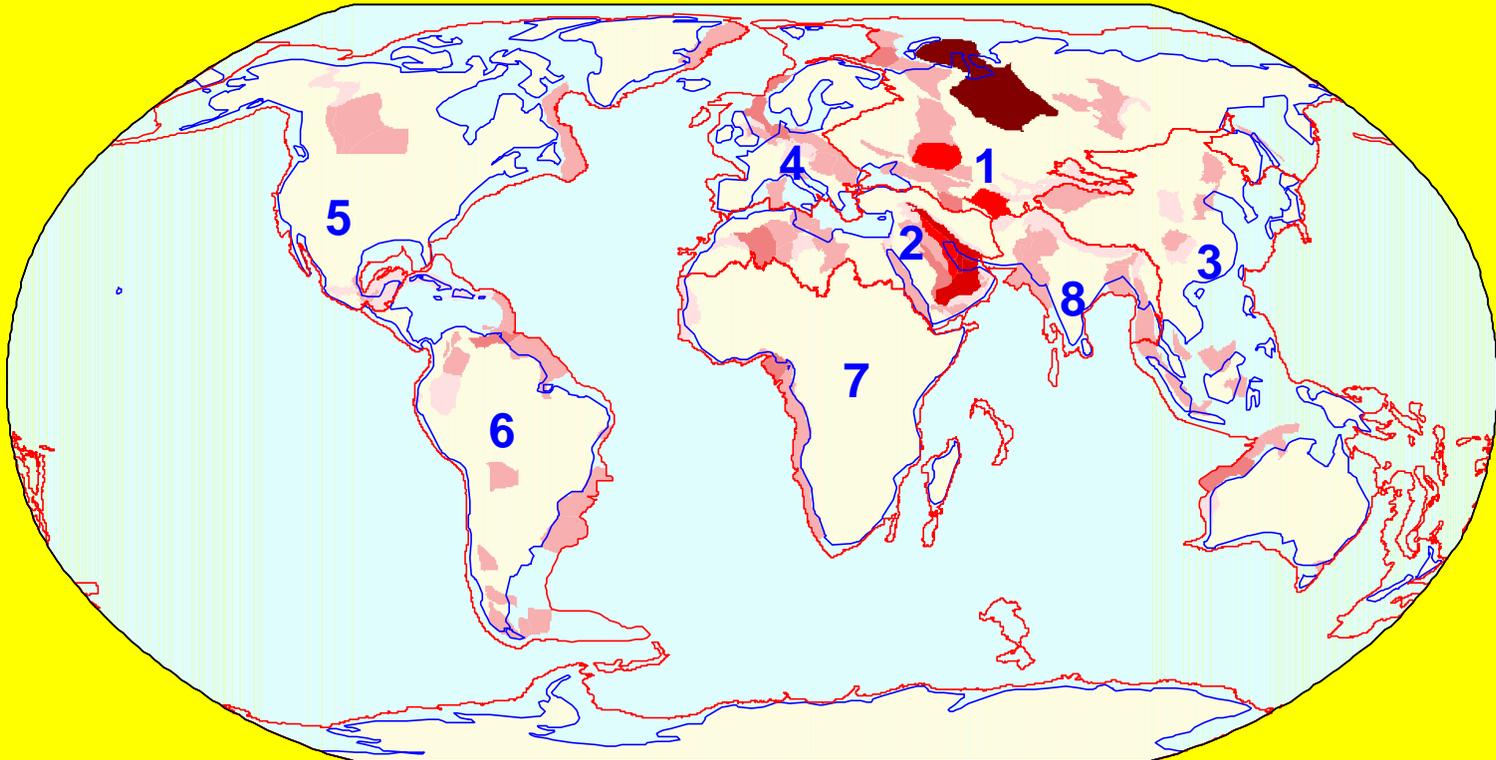


Conventional Oil Endowment of the World

- 1 Former Soviet Union
- 2 Middle East and North Africa
- 3 Asia Pacific
- 4 Europe
- 5 North America
- 6 Central and South America
- 7 Sub-Saharan Africa and Antarctica
- 8 South Asia

Conventional Oil Endowment in Billions of Barrels





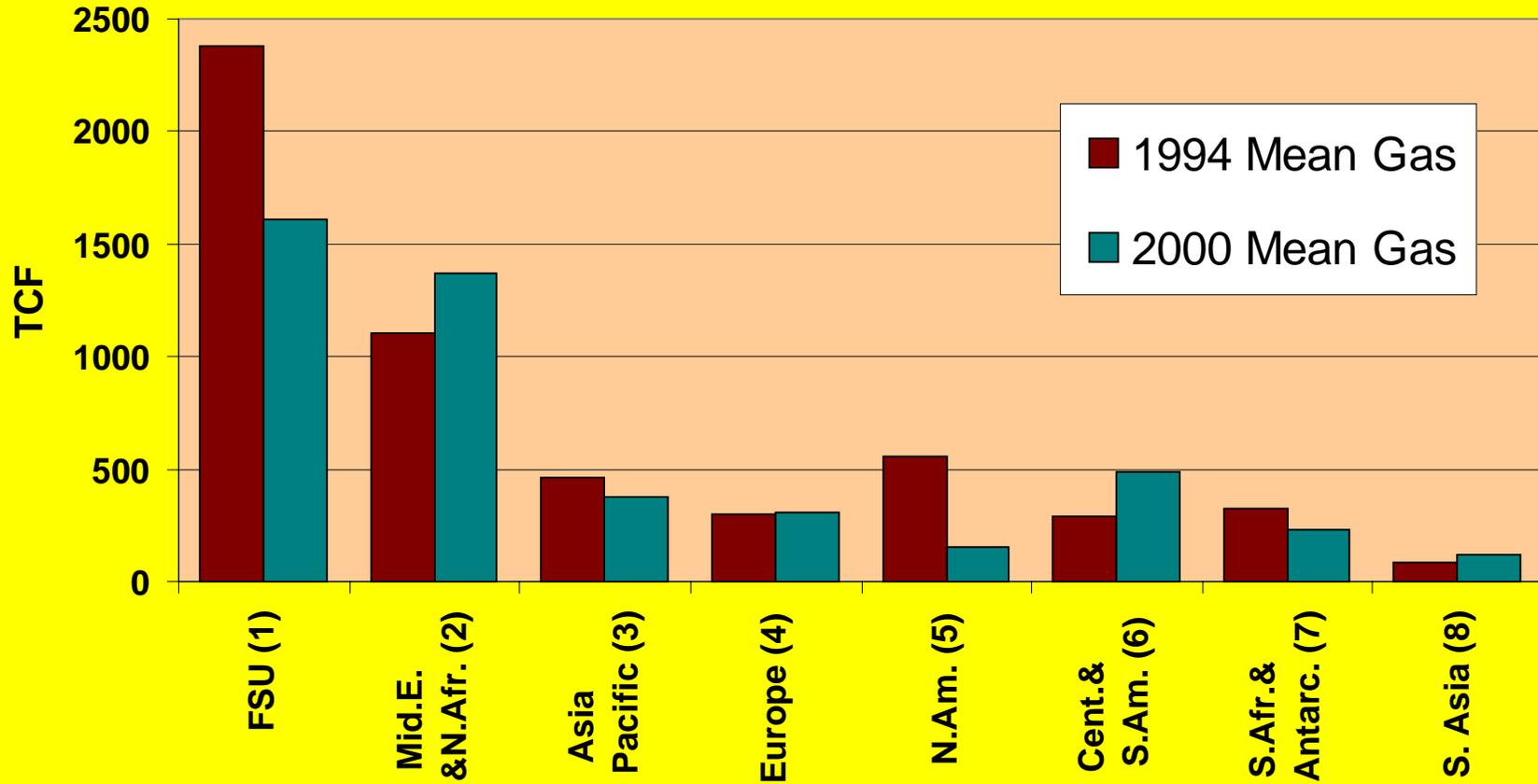
Conventional Natural Gas Endowment of the World

- 1 Former Soviet Union
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- 6 Central and South America
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- 8 South Asia

Conventional Natural Gas Endowment in Trillions of Cubic Feet

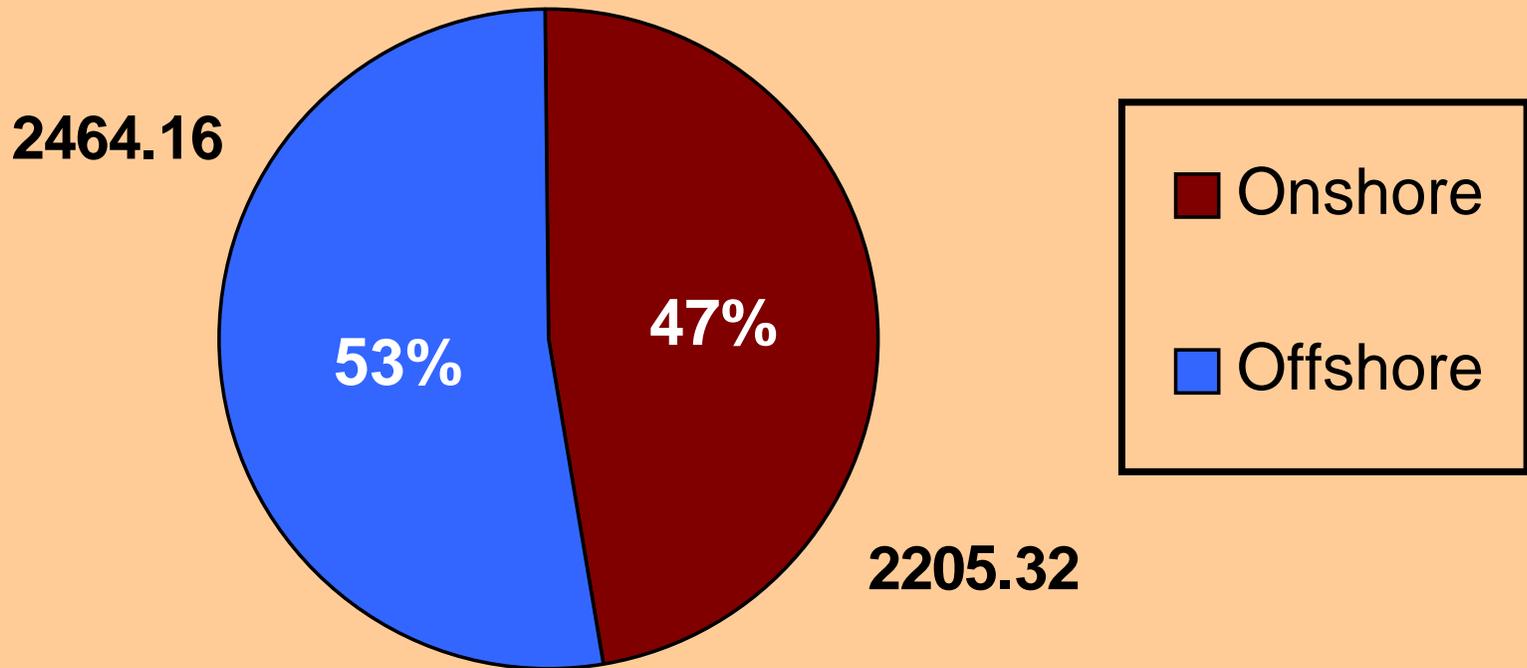


Comparison of USGS Mean Undiscovered Gas by Region (excluding U.S.)



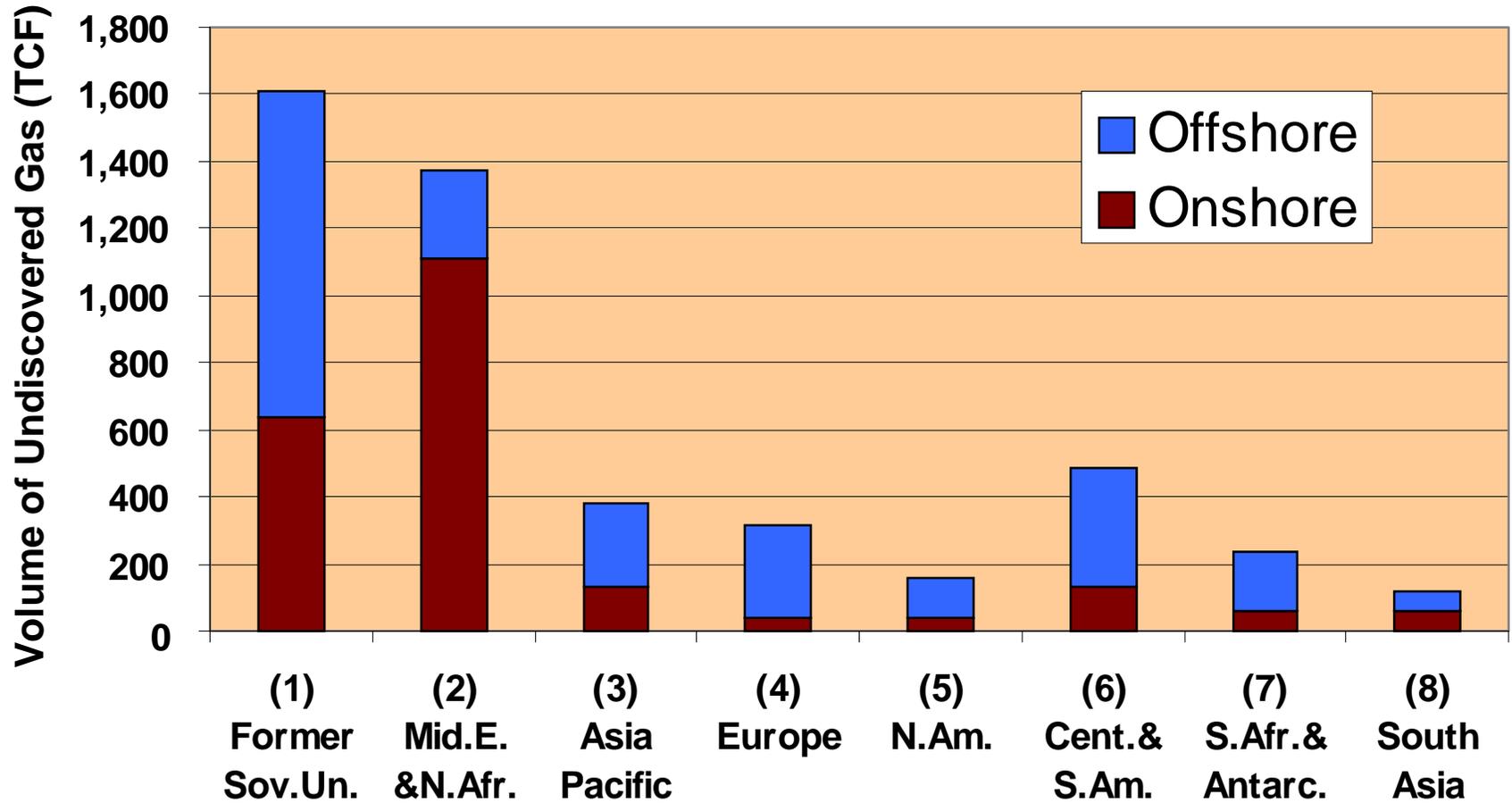
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Undiscovered Gas (TCF)

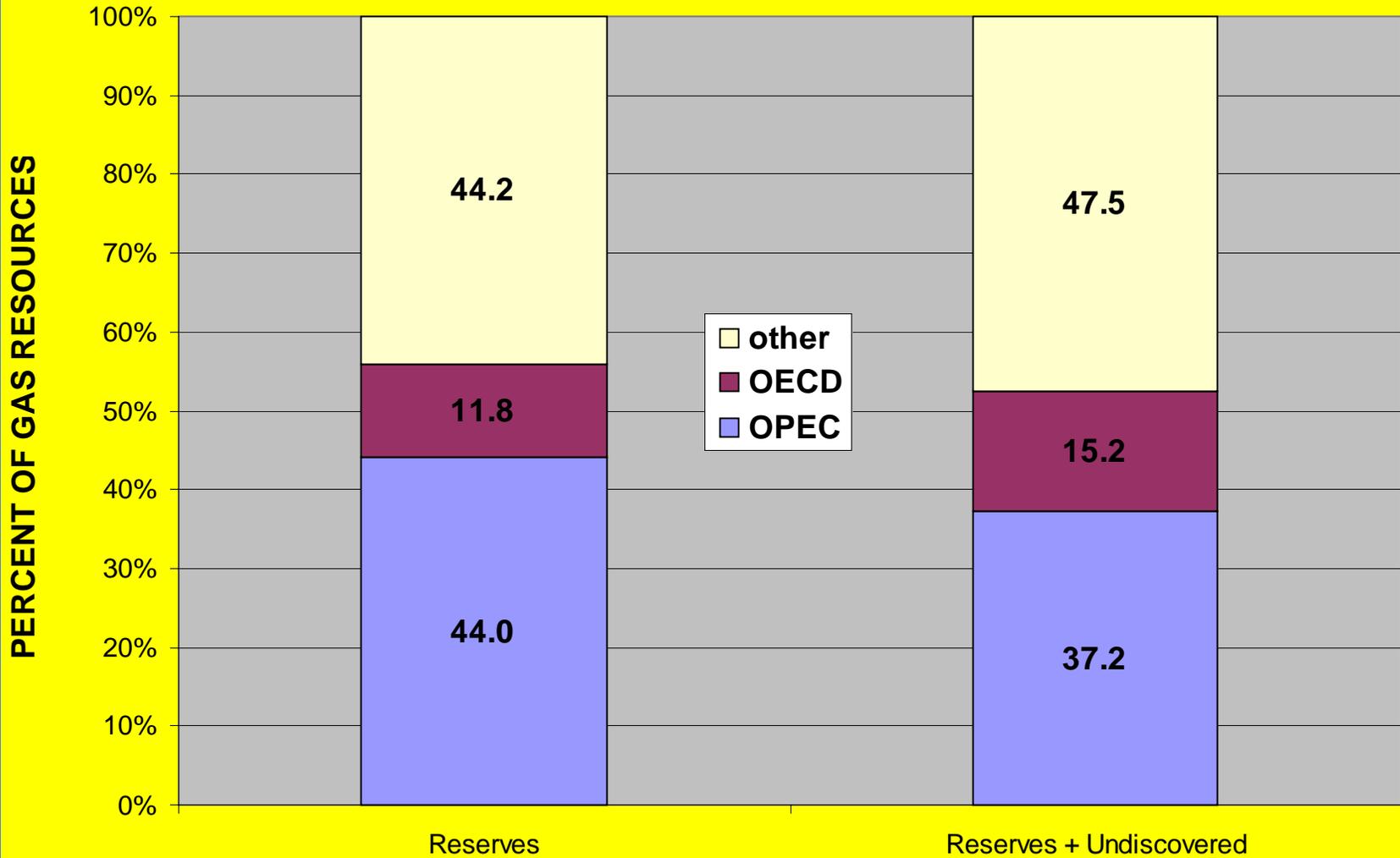


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Undiscovered Gas by Region

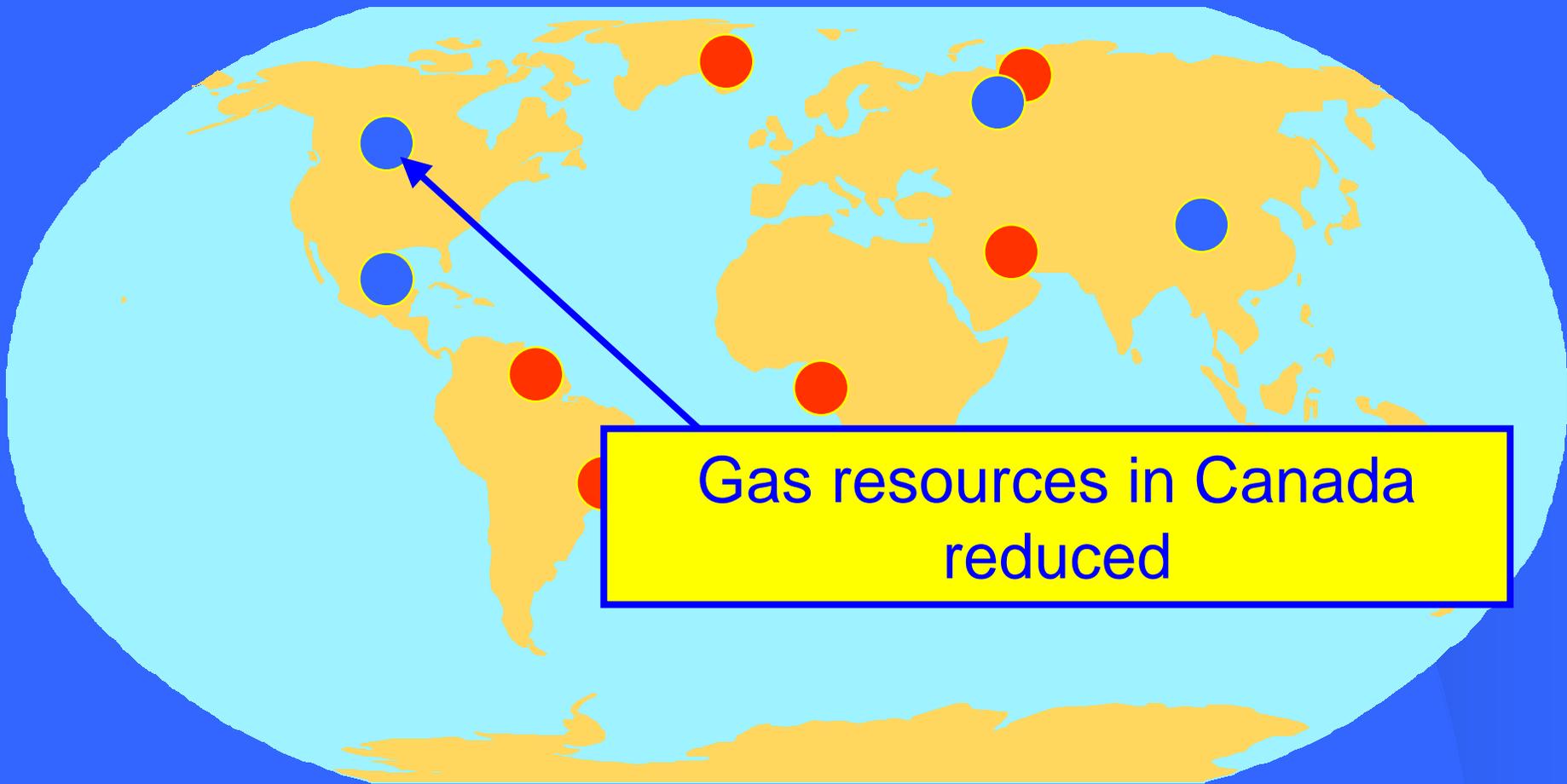


Possible Changes in Organization Share of Gas



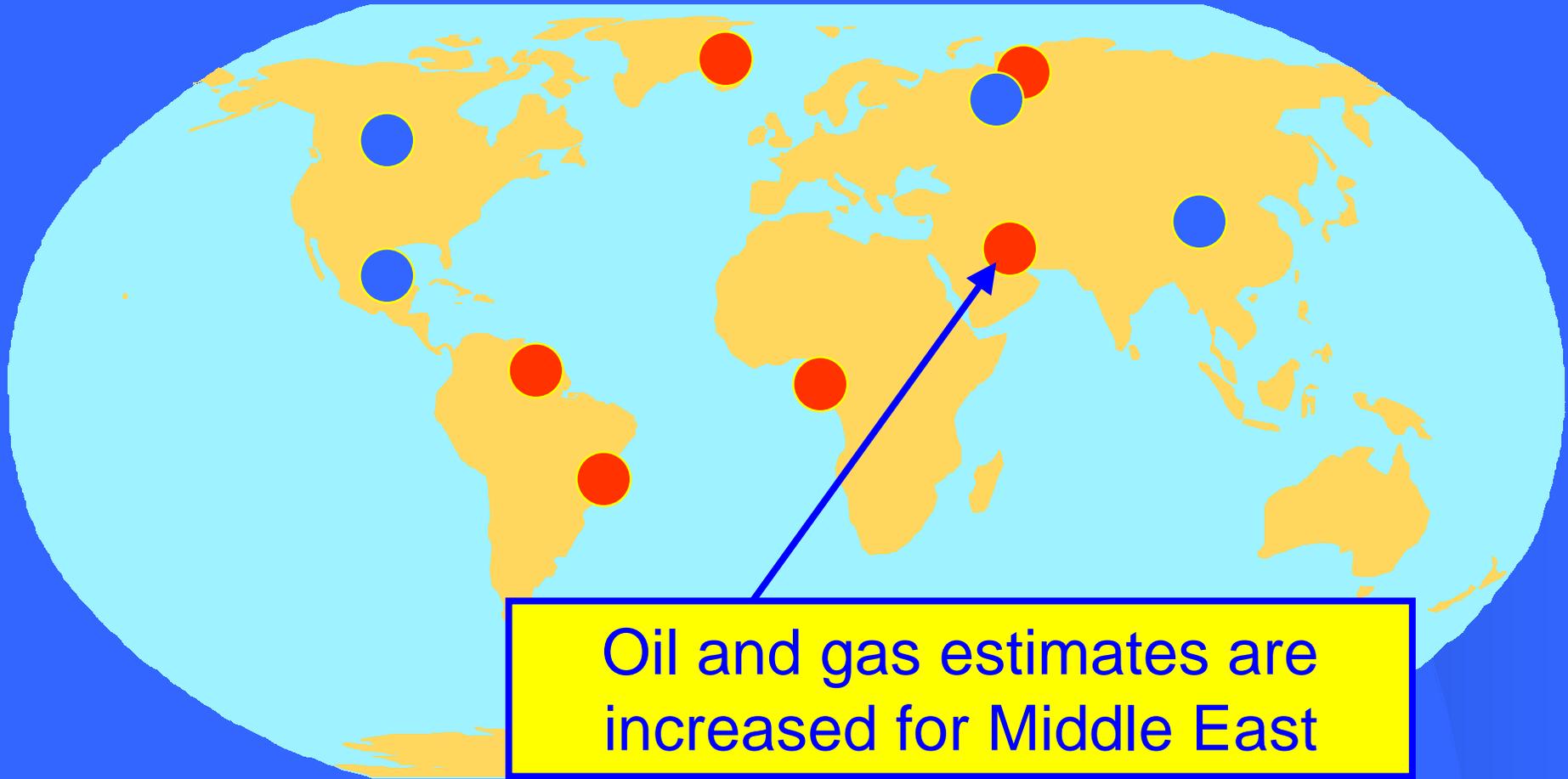
Oil and Gas Hotspots and Coldspots

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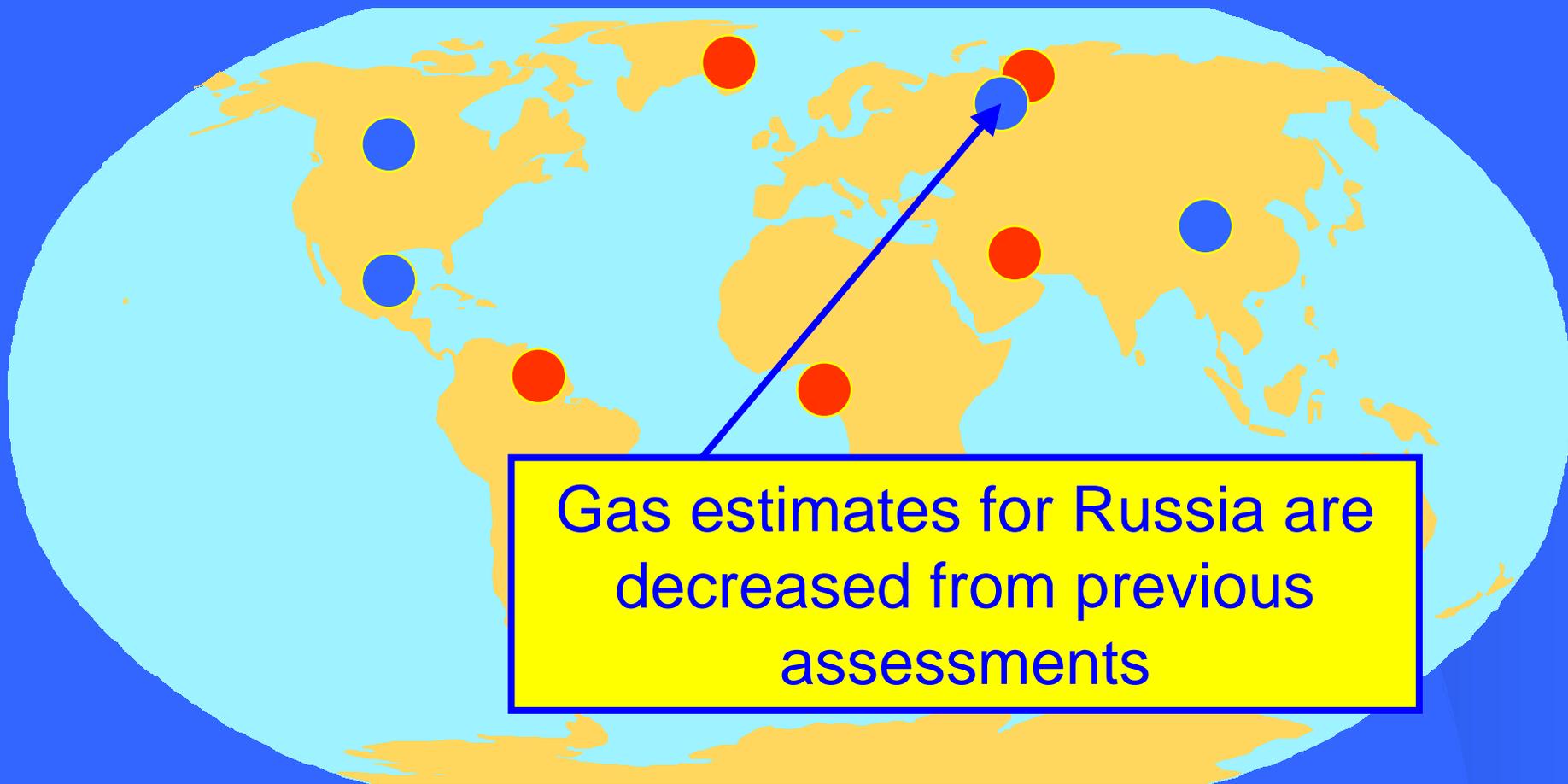
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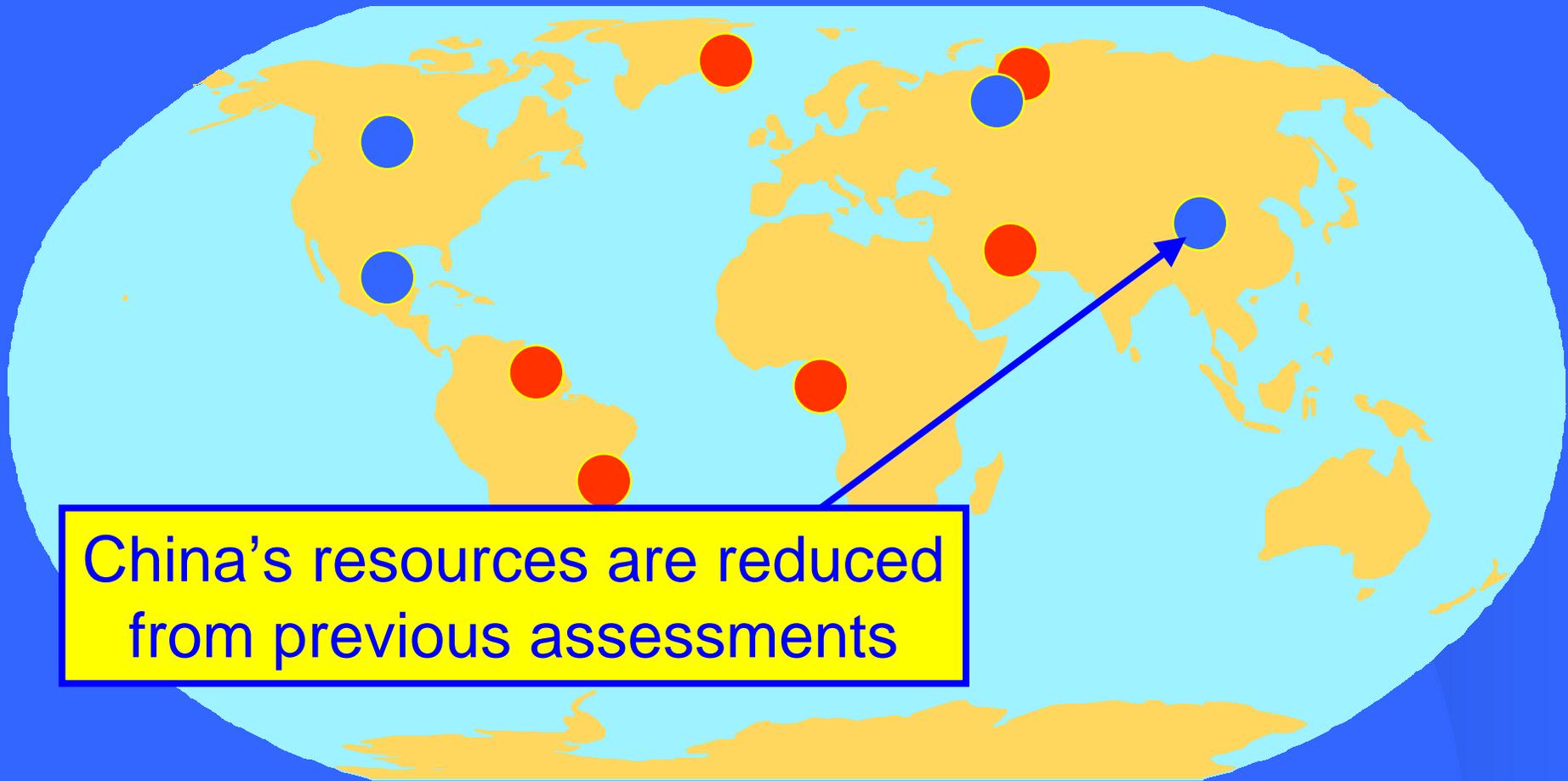
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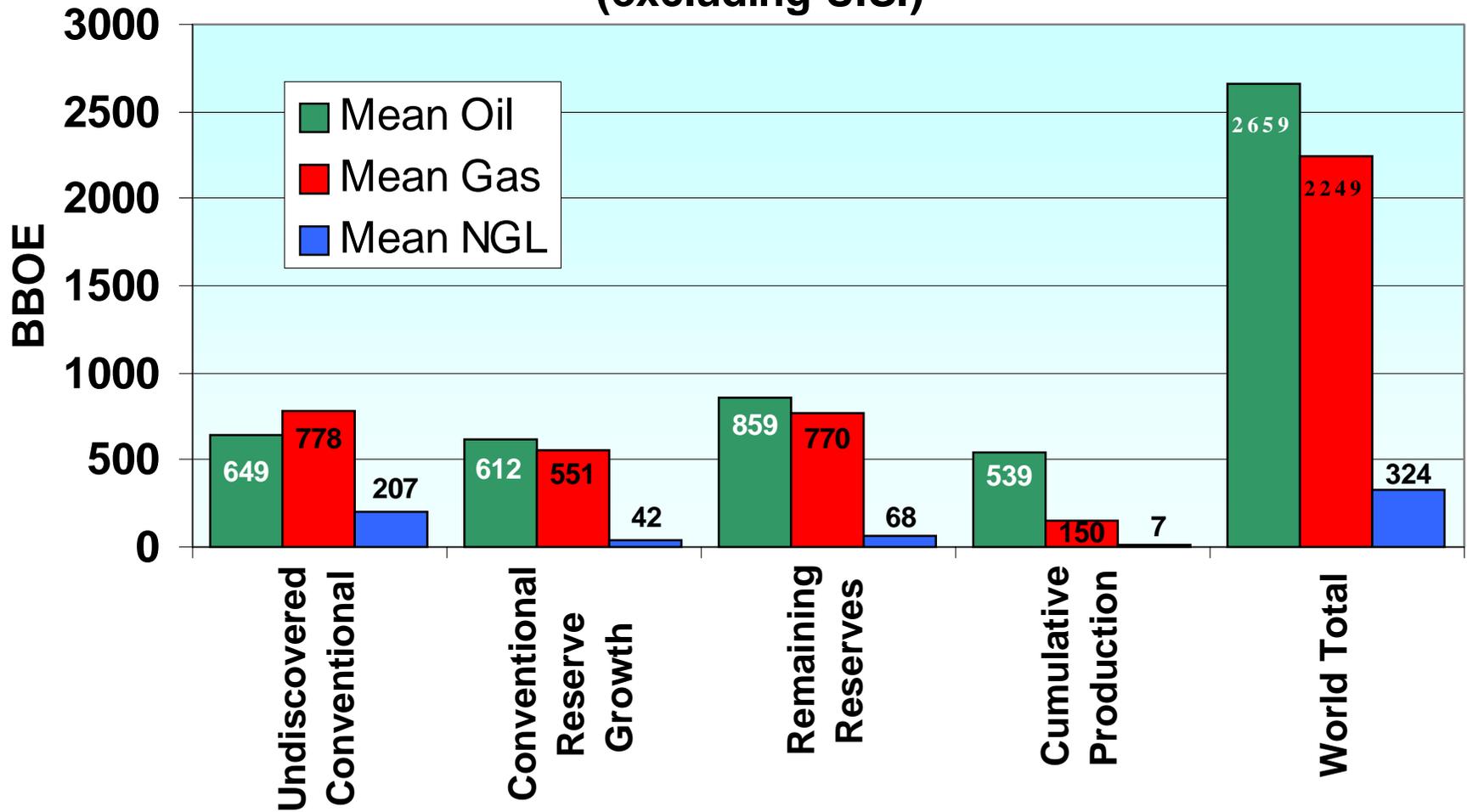
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China's resources are reduced
from previous assessments

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Unresolved Issues

- Impending Crisis Due to Lack Of Discoveries?
- Our Understanding of the Origin, Migration and Accumulation of Petroleum Resources is immature– particularly for Natural Gas
 - Conventional / Unconventional Gas Linkage
 - Isotopic Fractionation, Long Term Preservation
 - Significant volumes of CO₂, H₂S, Nitrogen

Reservoirs

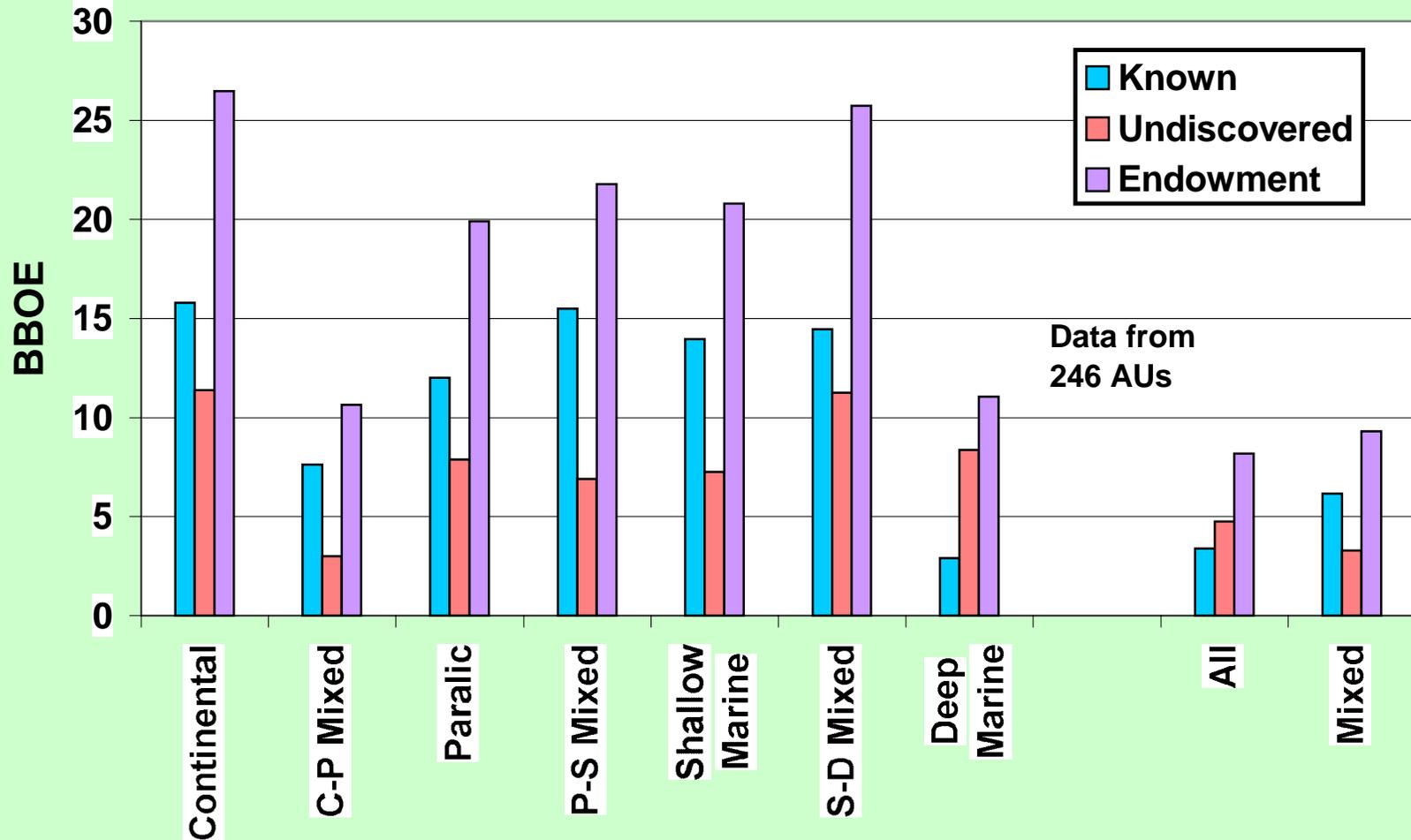
Despite enormous recent discoveries in deep-water deposits they are the least significantly volumetrically

Continental clastics are the dominant reservoir

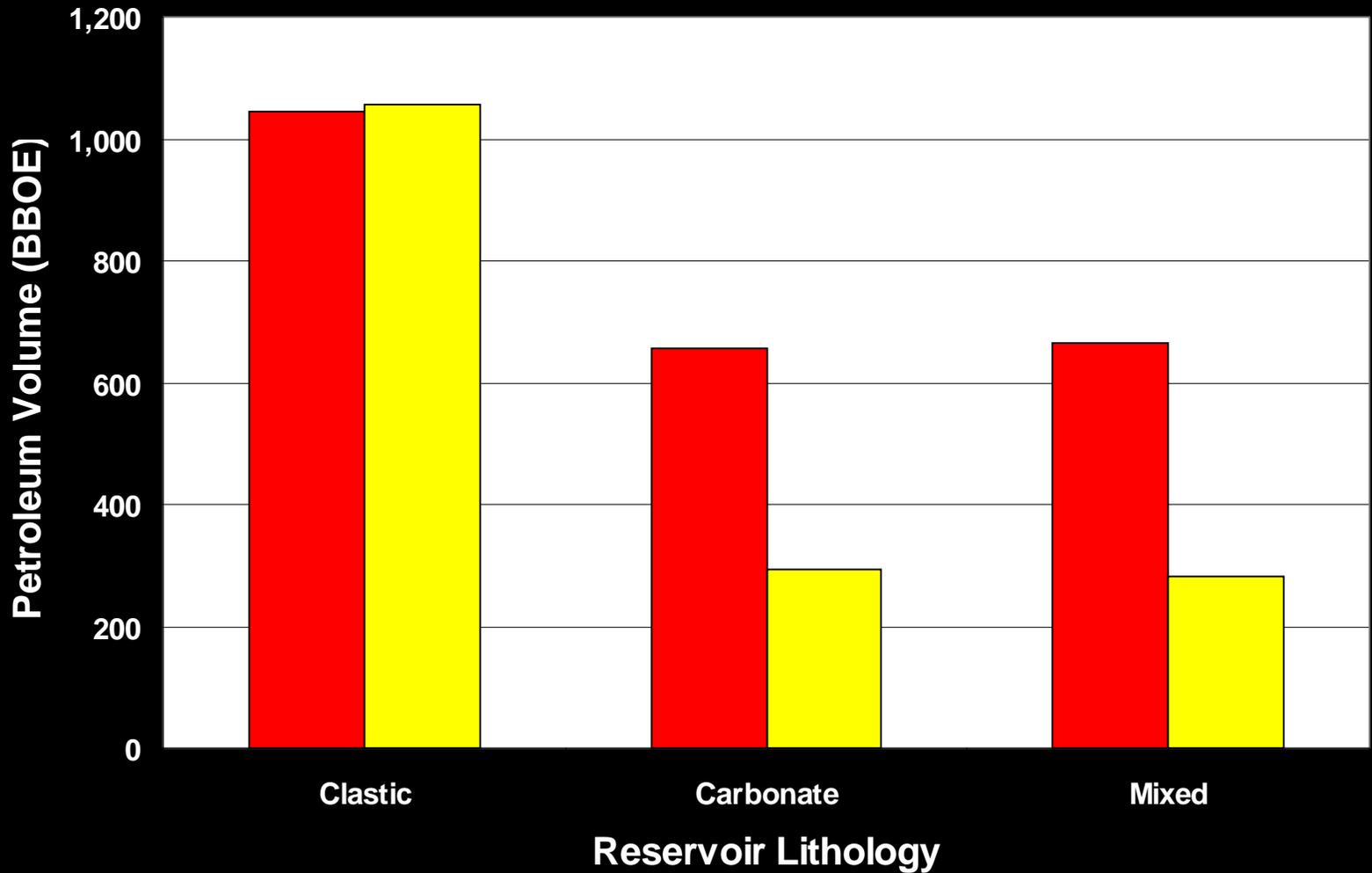
Future discoveries will be dominated by clastics

Mega-cycles at Era boundaries—why?

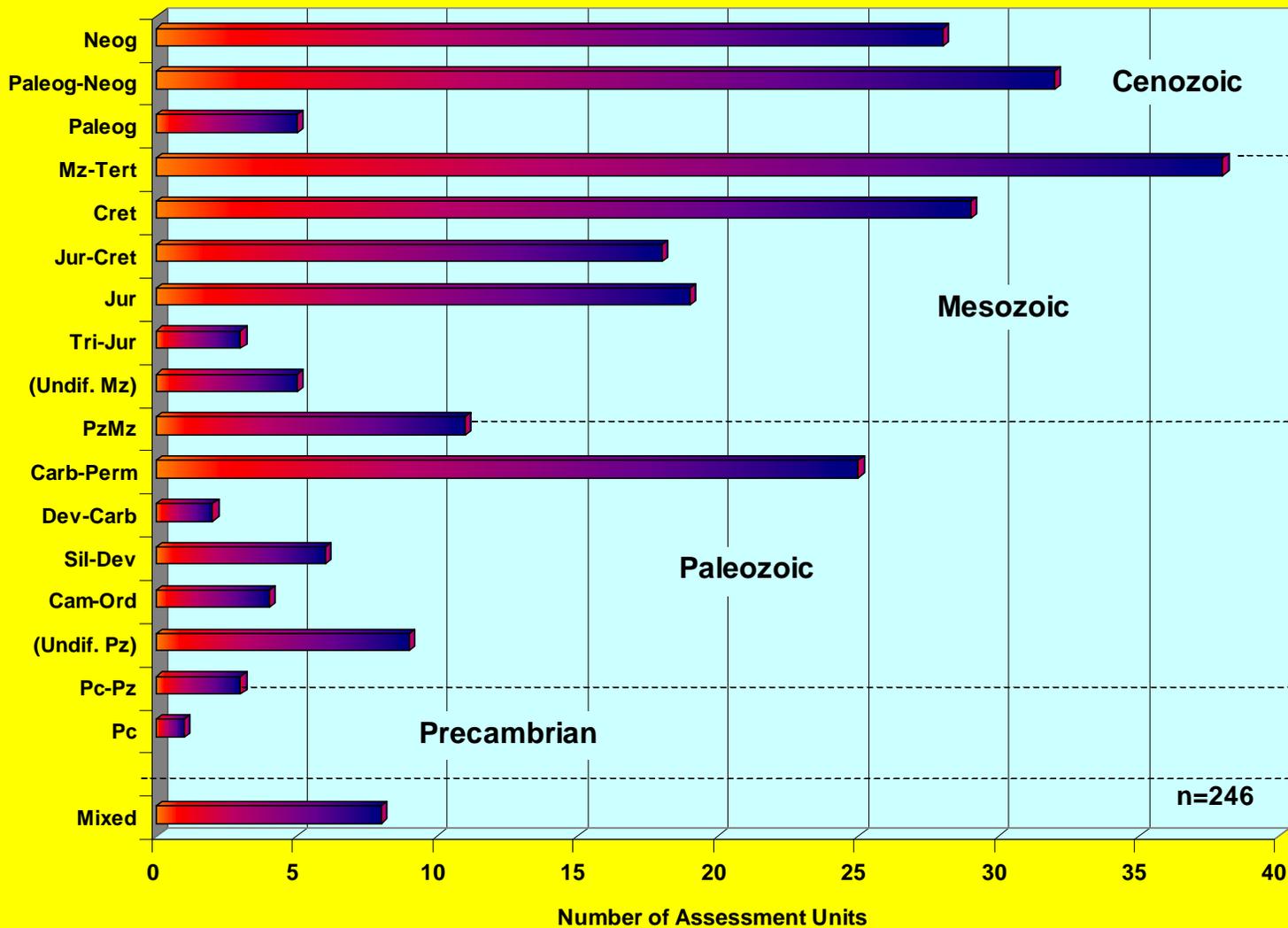
Mean Resource by Reservoir Rock Depositional Environment



Petroleum Volumes by Reservoir Lithology



Reservoir Rock Specific Ages of Assessment Units



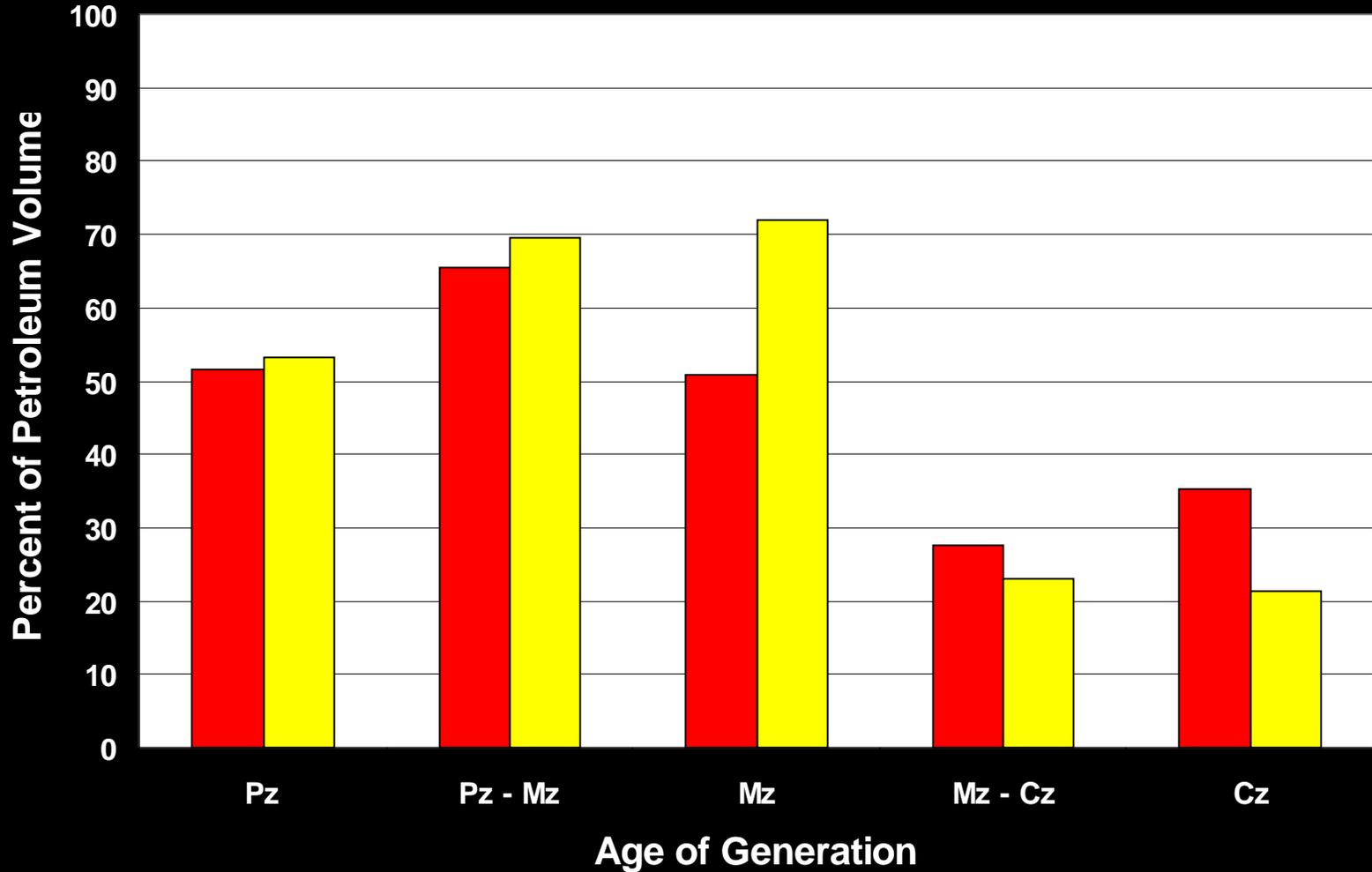
Seals

Only salts (evaporites) form effective long term seals; long term trapping of gas not clearly understood

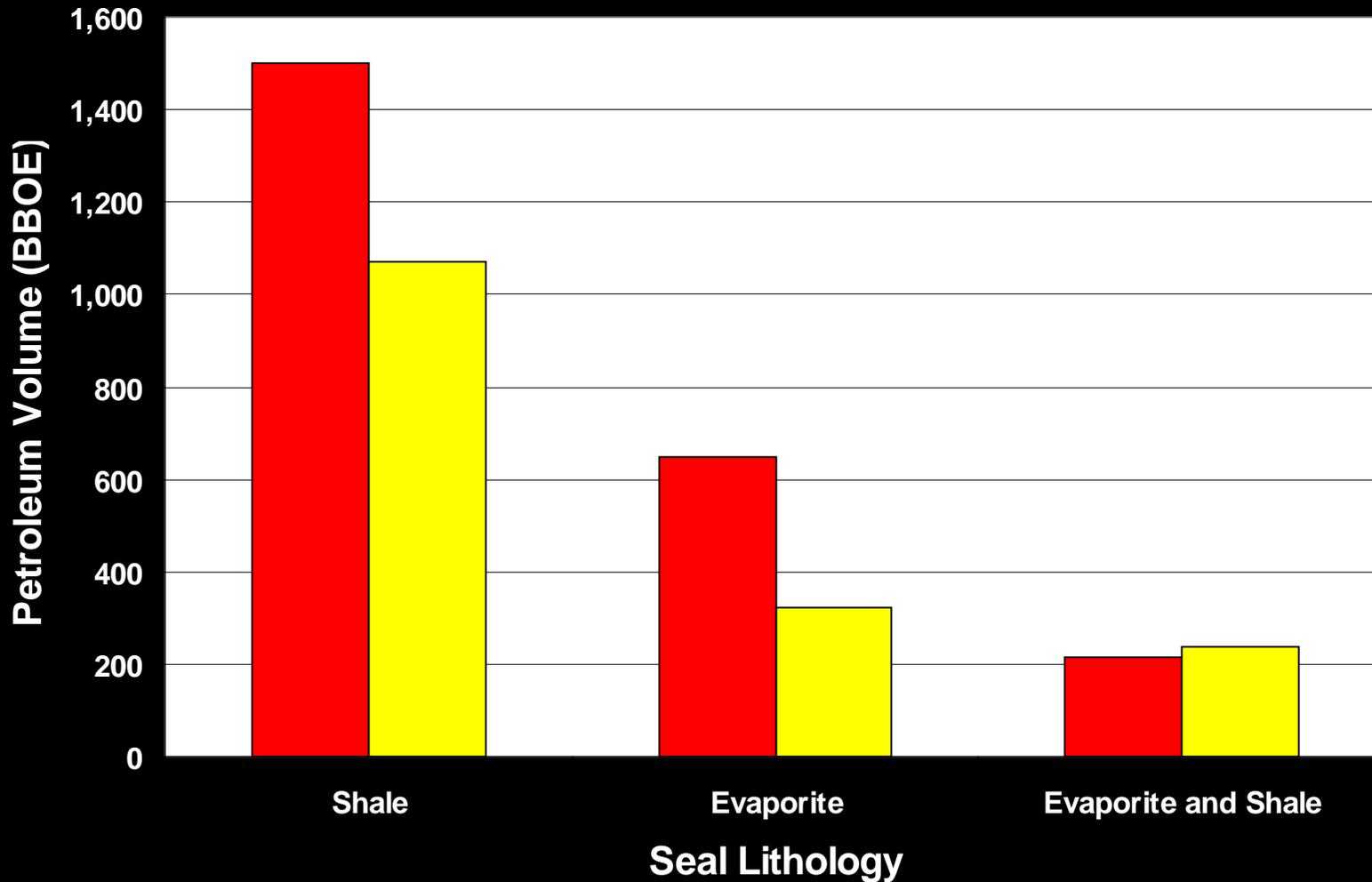
Much (if not most) petroleum has been lost to the surface—most seals are clastic and leaky

Seals for unconventional are perhaps are the most important and least understood

Percent of Volume with Evaporite Seals



Petroleum Volumes by Seal Lithology



Resource Assessments as Inputs to Economic, Infrastructure Decisions

North Sea—importance of technology and
reserve growth for gas supply

Arctic Resources—The next
frontier—major gas resource potential

The Resource Base Has Expanded Substantially

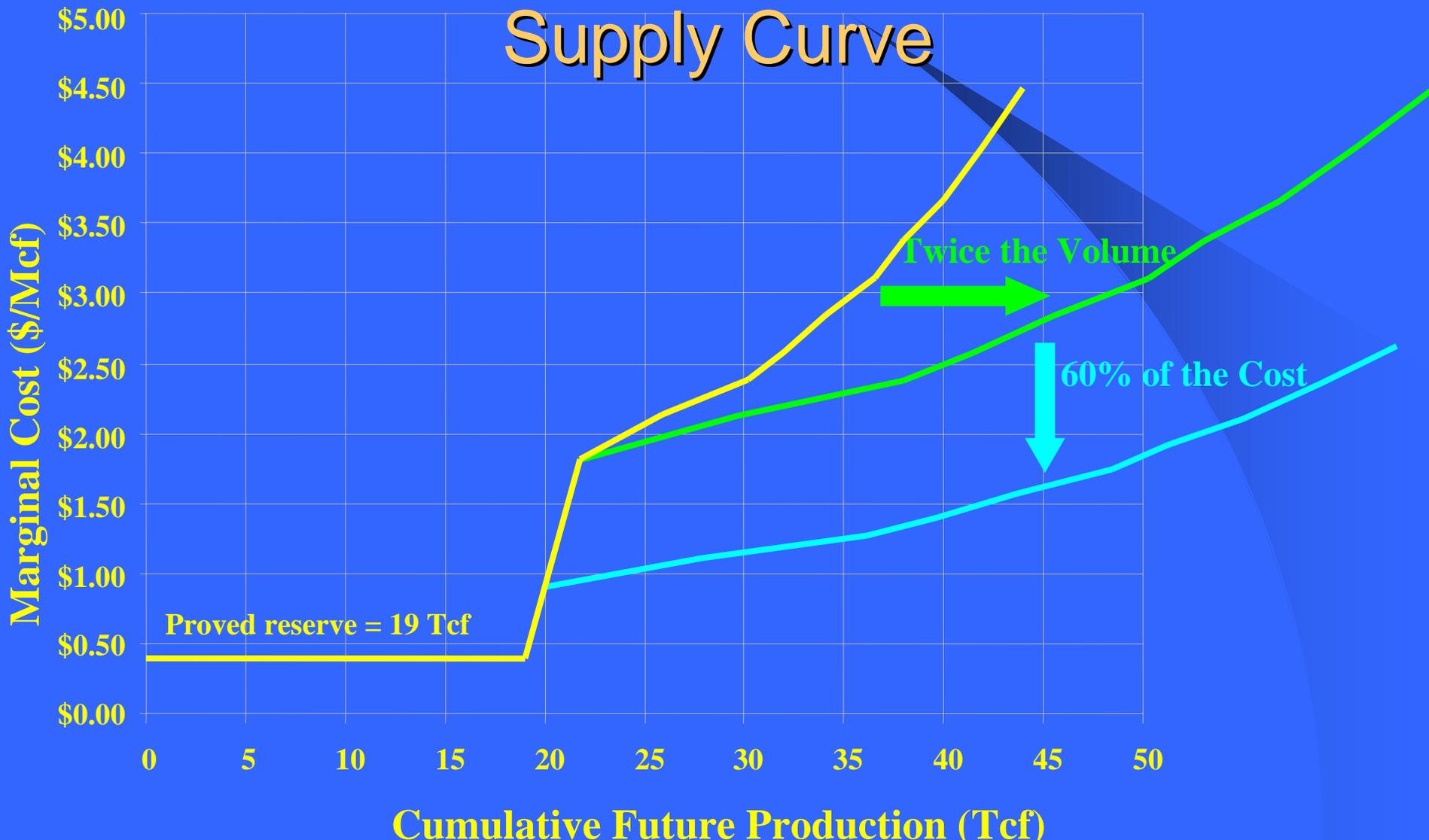
Volumes are double what they were in 1995.
Costs are 50-60 percent of what they were in 1995.

Because of

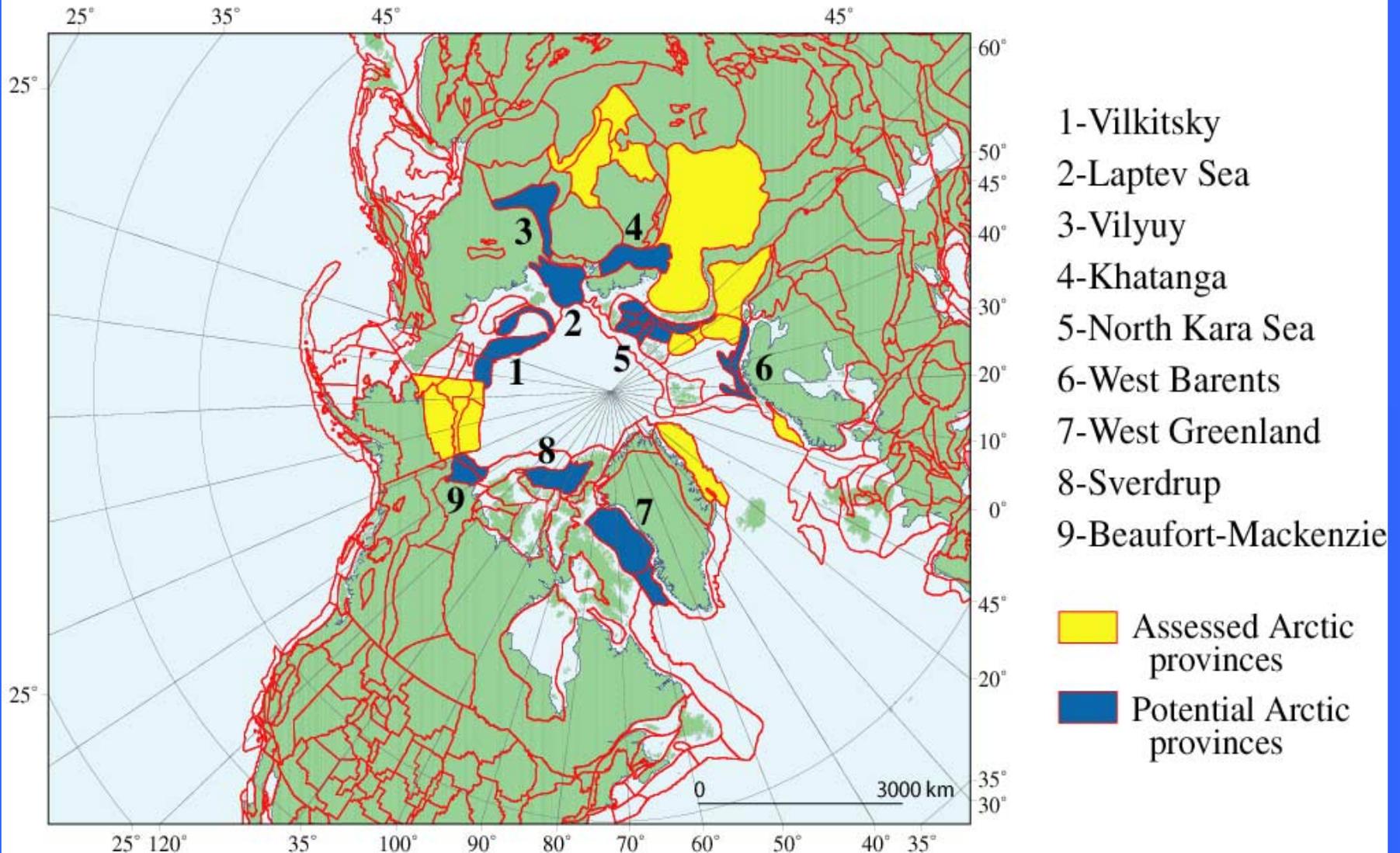
- Continued discovery success
- Undiscovered fields (USGS World Energy Project)
- First estimates of future reserve growth

Nobody has talked about deep water drilling yet!

Old Versus New United Kingdom/Southern North Sea Gas Supply Curve



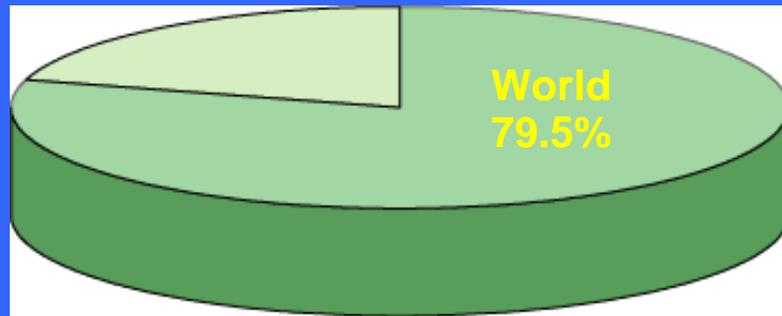
Arctic Provinces for Study in 2002



ARCTIC SHARE OF UNDISCOVERED PETROLEUM

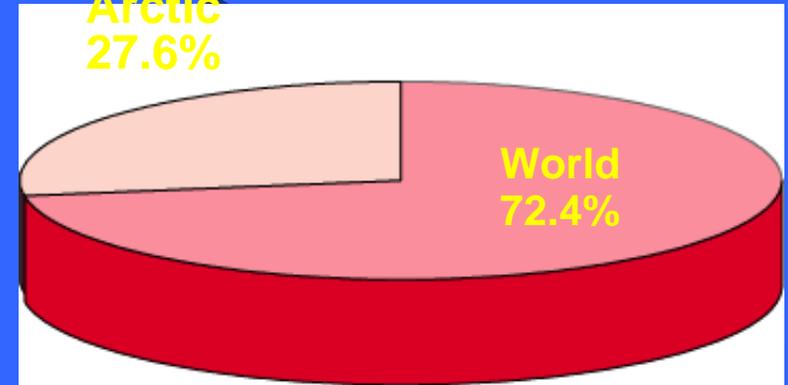
OIL & NGL

Arctic
20.5%



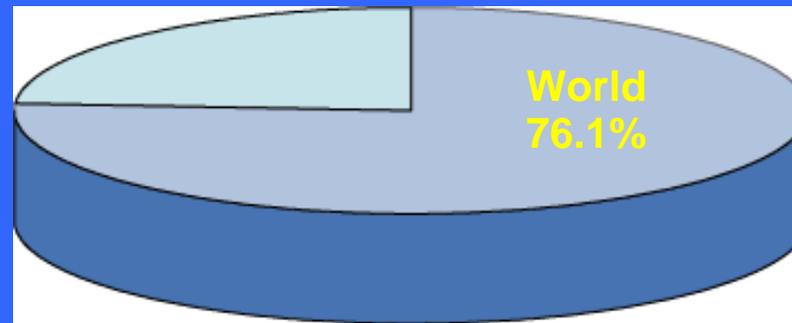
GAS

Arctic
27.6%



BOE

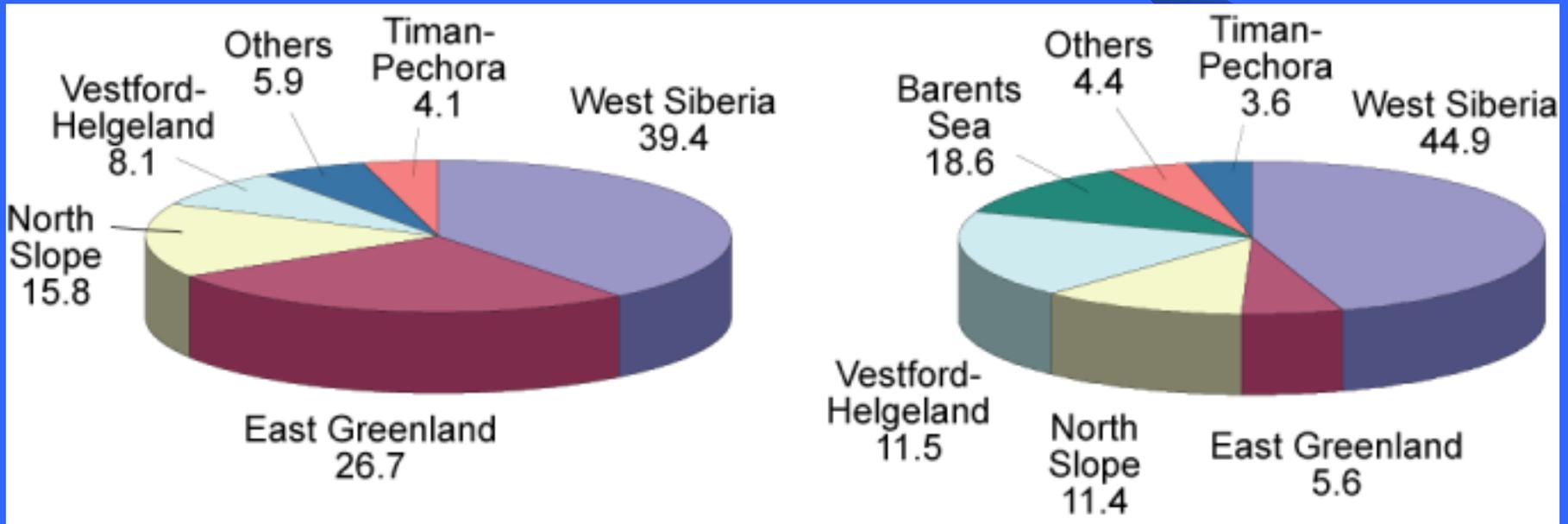
Arctic
23.9%



DISTRIBUTION OF ASSESSED UNDISCOVERED RESOURCES IN ARCTIC

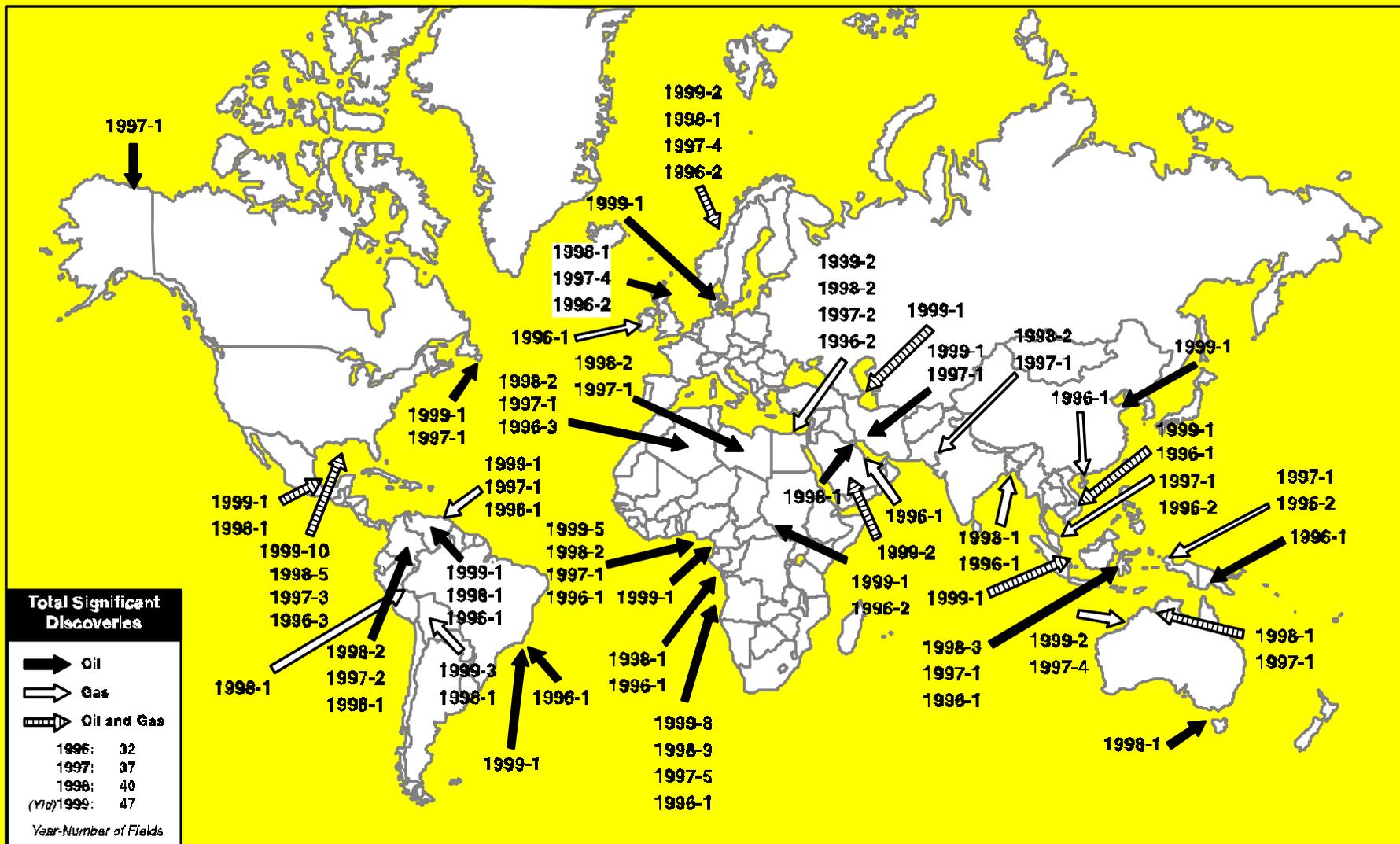
OIL & NGL, %

GAS, %



1996-1999 Significant Discoveries

(larger than 100 million barrels, 1 trillion cubic feet)

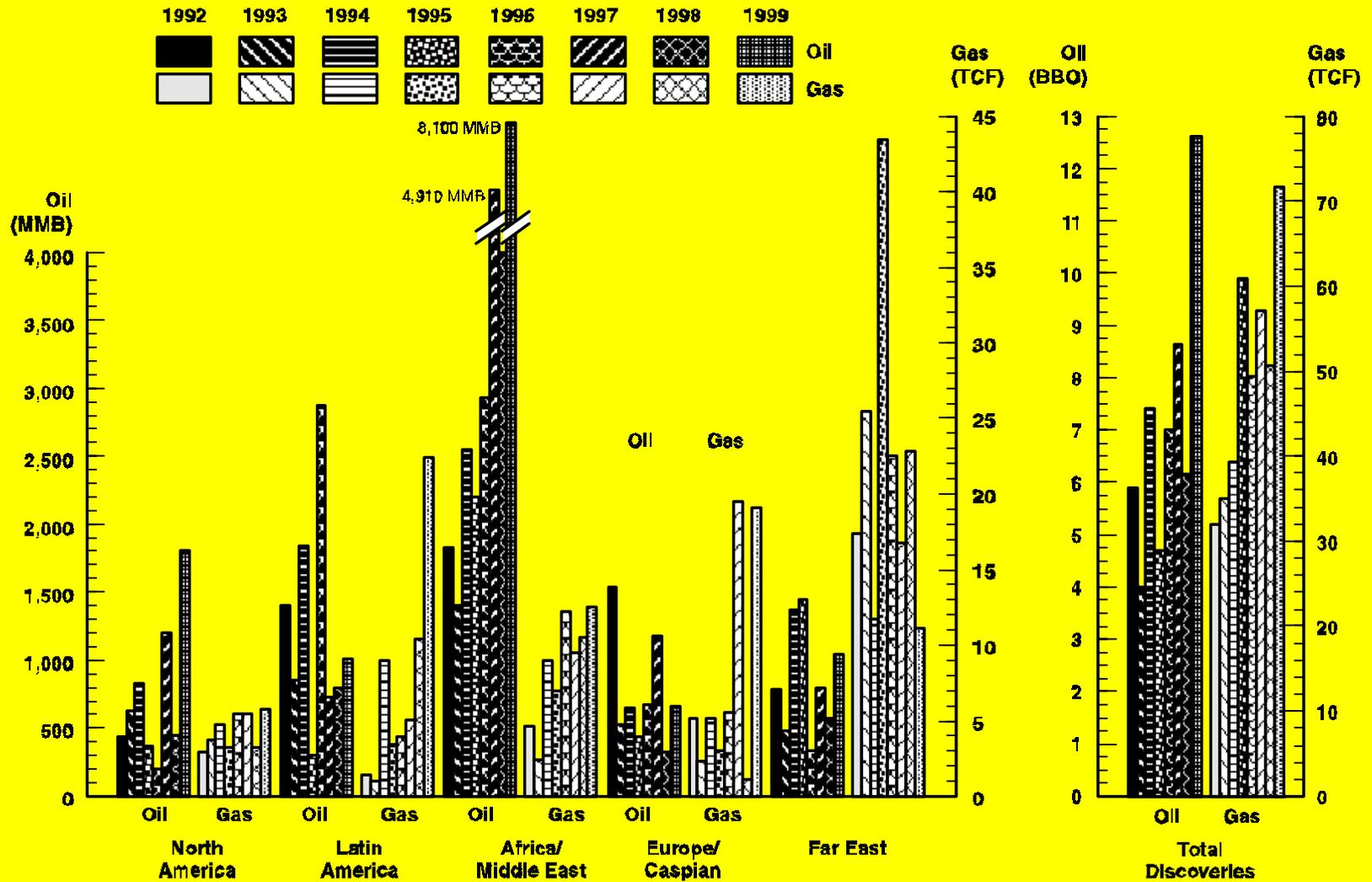


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World Oil and Gas Discoveries, 1992-1999



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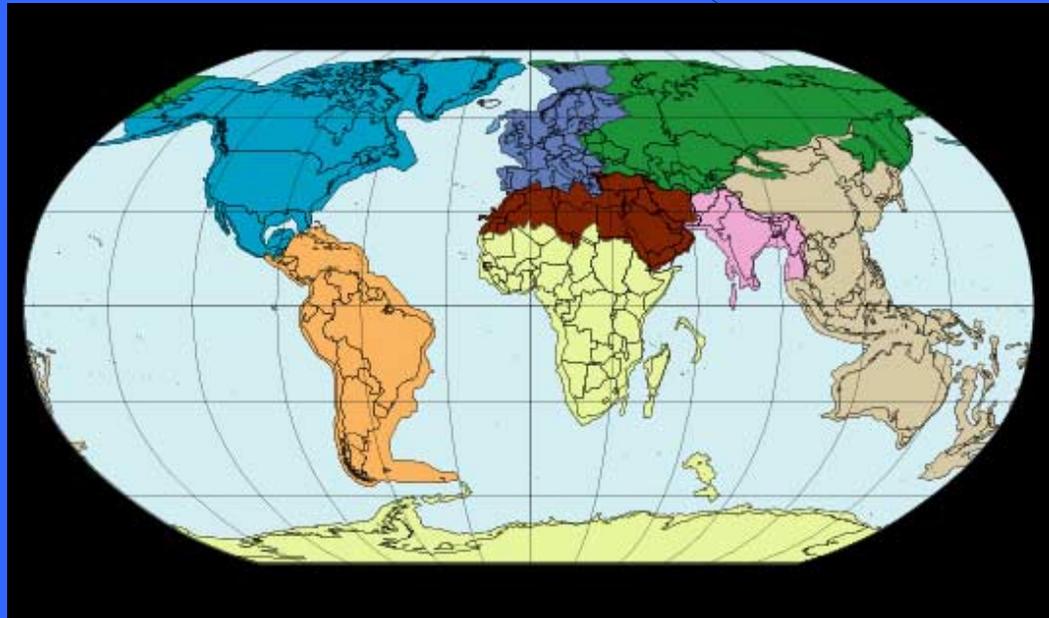
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Summary

- Estimates of Undiscovered Petroleum are up (+9.5% overall; oil +24.3%, gas -10.4%, NGL +104%) relative to 1994 USGS estimates
- **Field Growth** is significant (612 BBO, 3,305 TCF Gas at mean). Large growth potential in Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Volga Ural, West Siberia, Algeria as supported by detailed, proprietary studies
- OPEC undiscovered largely onshore, OECD and others largely offshore and undiscovered resources less concentrated in OPEC compared to previous estimates. **The Arctic is the next frontier.**
- U.S. Reserves—surprising ~12% of world endowment, but **troubling recent U.S. downturn and problems for Canadian Gas.**
- Our understanding of petroleum systems is just beginning, many challenges to our preconceptions and needed research into gas systems, unconventional (continuous resources)

For additional information:



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